



## **LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillor Augusta (in the Chair)  
Councillors Boyd, Bonner, Emmerson, Haggis, Hasthorpe, Mill, and K Swinburn

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Adrian Moody (Licensing and Environmental Protection Manager)
- Tracey Cook (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer)
- Eve Richardson Smith (Head of Law and Governance)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)

### **Others in attendance:**

- Mr Crouch (Hackney Carriage Association)
- Mr Broadbent (Hackney Carriage Association)

There were two members of the public and one member of the press present.

### **L.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received for Councillor Kaczmarek and Councillor Pettigrew.

### **L.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

### **L.12 MINUTES**

The panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Councillor Bonner proposed an amendment to minute L.9 as he thought there was a mistake with the wording and proposed that the minutes be amended to:

“Mr Moody stated that the Department for Transport advised having a mixed fleet and that was the direction the Council was heading in.”

The committee agreed to the amendment.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 be agreed as a correct record with the amendment proposed.

## **L.13            REQUEST TO RAISE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARRIFF**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure on a proposed increase in North East Lincolnshire Council’s Hackney Carriage Tariff as requested by the Hackney Carriage Association. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the last tariff increase was agreed by the committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Mr Moody said that the Hackney Carriage Association was proposing a 50p increase on the first mile on all three tariffs and to increase the price of the soiling charge to £100.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

A member asked why the soiling charge was proposed to be double what it was currently. Mr Crouch responded that it used to cost £45.00 to have a vehicle cleaned when someone was sick in the car, but it was now a lot more. Mr Crouch said that if the increase to the soiling charge was approved, it would put North East Lincolnshire’s charge in line with others in the country.

The Chair asked Mr Crouch to explain why the Hackney Carriage Association wanted to change the current tariffs. Mr Crouch responded that they had proposed an increase of 50p on the first mile as some jobs were around the corner. Mr Crouch stated that there hadn’t been an increase in the tariffs for years.

A member asked when the new tariff rates would be implemented. Mr Moody stated that it would take a period of fourteen days subject to there being no objections. Mr Moody explained that were there to be any objections, those objections would be considered by the Chair of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee and the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure. Mr Moody stated that if the tariff increases were implemented, then Hackney Carriage drivers would receive a new tariff card for display purposes.

Councillor Mill proposed that the request from the Hackney Carriage Association to increase the three tariffs by 50p on the first mile and to increase the soiling charge to £100 be approved.

Councillor K. Swinburn seconded the proposal.

The committee unanimously voted in favour of the proposal.

RESOLVED –

1. That the request from the Hackney Carriage Association to increase the three tariffs by 50p on the first mile and to increase the soiling charge to £100 be approved.
2. That in the event of any objections received pursuant to advertisement these be delegated and considered by the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

#### **L.14      LIMIT ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE NUMBERS / UNMET DEMAND SURVEY REPORT**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure setting out the responses to the consultation undertaken in relation to Hackney Carriage provision in North East Lincolnshire and seeking a final decision on the consultation proposals.

The Chair explained that an additional response to the consultation had not been included in the agenda papers in error but a copy of it had now been provided. The Chair allowed committee members time to read the additional consultation response.

Mr Moody explained that the committee's preferred options as determined at the previous meeting had been out for consultation and the responses were listed in the report. Mr Moody referred to the additional consultation response that had been received and the suggestion that the current Vehicle Age policy for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles be increased from five years to eight years. Mr Moody said that licensing officers felt that suggestion was worth considering as it could make it easier for the trade to have Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

A member asked whether some saloons could accommodate wheelchairs as mentioned in the consultation comments. Mr Moody responded that some could.

Councillor Mill proposed that the current Vehicle Age policy for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle's be changed to eight years from the current five years. Councillor Haggis seconded the proposal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

A member asked when that would be implemented. Mr Moody responded that it would be implemented with immediate effect.

Councillor Mill proposed that for Part One, Option One be approved. Councillor Haggis seconded the proposal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Councillor Boyd proposed that for Part Two, Option Two be approved. Councillor K. Swinburn seconded the proposal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Councillor Emmerson proposed that for Part Three, Option One be approved. Councillor Hasthorpe seconded the proposal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

The Chair proposed that the policies be reviewed again in three years' time by the Licensing and Community Protection Committee. Councillor Mill seconded the proposal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

RESOLVED –

1. That the current Vehicle Age Policy for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles be changed to eight years from the current five years.
2. That Part One, Option One (relating to Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers), as set out in the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That Part Two, Option Two (relating to wheelchair accessible vehicles), as set out in the report now submitted, be approved.

4. That Part Three, Option One (relating to vehicle power), as set out in the report now submitted, be approved.
5. That the above policies be reviewed in three years' time by the Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.31pm.