

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

A R Berrow

S J Bletsoe

O Clatworthy

J E Pratt

Officers:

Kirsty Evans

Katie Wintle

Nimi Chandrasena

Oscar Roberts

Licensing Team Manager

Lawyer – Litigation Team

Democratic Services Officer – Support

Temporary Democratic Services Officer – Committees

95. Apologies for Absence

Decision Made	There were no apologies for absence.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

96. Declarations of Interest

Decision Made	<p>The following declarations of interest were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katie Wintle declared a personal interest in item 4, as the applicant is known to her, but stressed that she takes no part in the decision.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Owain Clatworthy declared a prejudicial interest in item 9, as the applicant is known to him.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

97. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee A dated 15 July 2025 and 14 November 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

98. Grant Of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

Decision Made	<p>The Licensing Team Manager presented a report, the purpose of which was to ask Members to determine an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines.</p> <p>The applicant Mr Grabham was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>The applicant requested a hackney carriage vehicle licence for his Ford Mondeo hybrid electric vehicle. The vehicle was aged 5 years and 1 month, which is older than permitted by the Sub-Committee's policy. The applicant requested that despite its age, that the sub-committee departs from its policy in this case and considers granting a vehicle licence.</p> <p>The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting to inspect the vehicle at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend. They observed that the mileage was now 79,800. The members also observed the Vehicle was in good condition.</p> <p>With regards to the Licensing Vehicle Age Policy, on 17 November 2020, the Licensing Committee adopted age requirements for vehicles to be licenced as hackney carriages or for private hire. The relevant parts of the policy were detailed in the report.</p>
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	<p>The sub-committee had regard to intention behind the policy, which is to promote a modern fleet of licensed vehicles and to ensure the safety of the public.</p> <p>Members then retired to consider the application further, whereupon on their return, it was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The sub-committee unanimously decided to depart from its policy and grant the application subject to standard requirements for inspection for the following reasons:</p> <p>a) The vehicle was in good condition. b) The vehicle was only marginally over the specified period of time allowed by the policy.</p>
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

99. Grant Of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

Decision Made	<p>The Licensing Team Manager presented a report, the purpose of which was to ask Members to determine an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines.</p> <p>The applicant was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>The applicant requested a hackney carriage vehicle licence for BMW diesel vehicle. The vehicle was aged 5 years and 2 month, which is older than permitted by the Sub-Committee's policy. The applicant requested that despite its age, that the sub-committee departs from its policy in this case and considers granting a vehicle licence.</p> <p>The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting to inspect the vehicle at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend. They observed that the mileage was now 114,590. The members also observed the Vehicle was in good condition.</p> <p>With regards to the Licensing Vehicle Age Policy, on 17 November 2020, the Licensing Committee adopted age requirements for vehicles to be licenced as hackney carriages or for private hire. The relevant parts of the policy were detailed in the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised to the applicant around the stated mileage of the vehicle since the application was</p>
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	<p>filed, where it was clarified that the stated mileage had been given at its last MOT test.</p> <p>The sub-committee had regard to intention behind the policy, which is to promote a modern fleet of licensed vehicles and to ensure the safety of the public.</p> <p>Members then retired to consider the application further, whereupon on their return, it was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> The sub-committee unanimously decided to depart from its policy and grant the application subject to standard requirements for inspection for the following reasons:</p> <p>a) The vehicle was in good condition. b) The mileage specified since its last test was reasonable for a vehicle being used for private hire.</p>
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

100. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent items.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

101. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes and reports relating to the following items were not for publication as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.</p> <p>Following the application of the public interest test, the Sub-Committee resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in</p>
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	private, with the public being excluded from the meeting during such consideration.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

102. Approval of Exempt Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the exempt minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee A dated 15 July 2025 and 14 November 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

103. Disciplinary Hearing

Decision Made	This decision was exempt.
Date Decision Made	24 February 2026

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#)

The meeting closed at 11:30.