

**Date:** Wednesday 23 April 2025 at 1.30 pm

**Venue:** Democratic Services Meeting Room, First Floor, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1LD

**Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair)**  
**Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair)**

Cllr Jim Beall  
Cllr Diane Clarke OBE  
Cllr John Coulson  
Cllr Elsi Hampton  
Cllr Andrew Sherris  
Cllr Marilyn Surtees

Cllr Marc Besford  
Cllr Robert Cook  
Cllr Jason French  
Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy  
Cllr Hugo Stratton  
Cllr Hilary Vickers

## **AGENDA**

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- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Delegated Decisions Update Report** (Pages 9 - 12)
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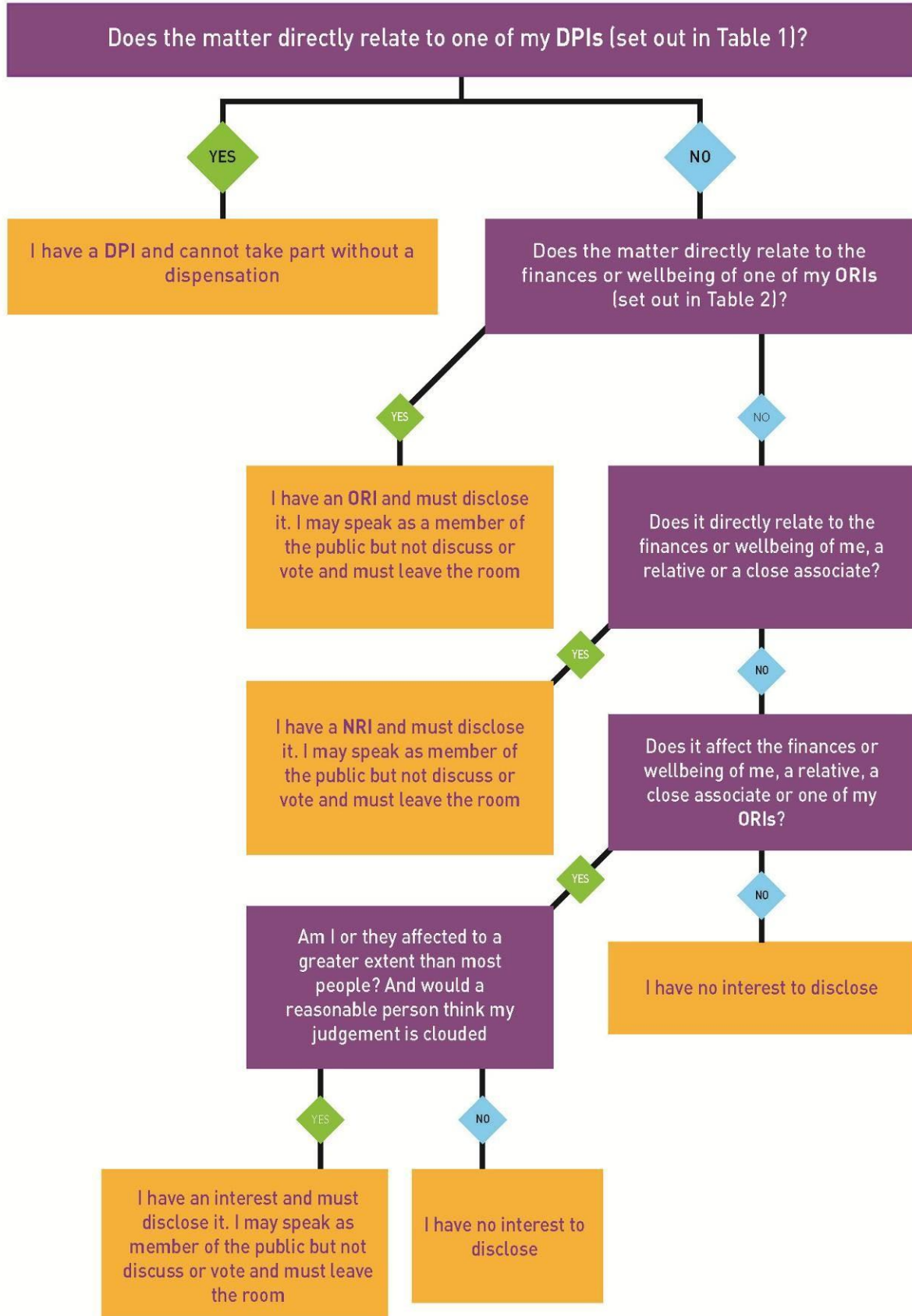
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**KEY - Declarable interests are:-**

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

**Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance**



**Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Subject	Description
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
<b>Contracts</b>	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
<b>Land and property</b>	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
<b>Licences</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
<b>Securities</b>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
  - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
  - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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If the Fire Alarm rings exit through the nearest available emergency exit and form up in Municipal Buildings Car Park.

The assembly point for everyone if the Bomb alarm is sounded is the car park at the rear of Splash on Church Road.

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### **The main staircase at the reception atrium MUST NOT be used unless there are no alternative escape routes available**

- Everyone must evacuate the building in a calm and orderly manner and proceed to the Assembly Point.
- Staff and Visitors should leave the building by the nearest available protected fire evacuation route and exit unless prevented by smoke or fire.
- The central feature staircase is NOT a protected escape route and should NOT be used, unless necessary.
- Lifts must not be used during a fire evacuation unless it has been identified that the evacuation lift in the Library is to be used for those persons with mobility issues.
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- Staff / visitors should stand together in teams at the Assembly Point.

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Should you require the toilet please inform the concierge at Reception who will contact a member of staff to escort you to the nearest facility. Alternatively, if you are in the meeting please inform the Chair or a member of staff.

## **Microphones**

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when invited to speak by the Chair, to ensure you can be heard by the Committee and those in attendance at the meeting.

## DELEGATED

### REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

23 APRIL 2025

### REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REGULATED SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION

## DELEGATED DECISIONS UPDATE REPORT

### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update with regards to the decisions which officers have made in utilising powers delegated to them by this Committee.

### RECOMMENDATION

Members to note the information included.

### DETAIL

#### DELEGATED DECISIONS

1. Certain powers have been delegated by the committee to officers, in consultation with the chair of the general licensing committee and committee legal advisor. Since the last update several delegated decisions have been made and include:
  - 3 Revocations for failing to provide policy required documents
  - 4 Revocations / refusals for failure to meet DVLA group 2 medical standards
  - 9 Revocations following police disclosure
  - 3 Refusal to depart from policy on vehicle specifications
  - 1 Revocation following a positive oral fluid drug sample
2. A full list of 2024 - 2025 delegated decisions and action taken is attached at Appendix 1 for member's information.
3. Members are aware the Licensing Service have carried out oral fluid drug screening on licensed private hire and hackney carriage driver since the proactive public safety measure was agreed in 2014.
4. In the reporting period 43 screening tests were carried out on a random or intelligence led basis, the screening tests for six illegal substances.
5. Of those tested one screen returned a positive lab result, the sample contained THC (cannabis) the driver had his renewal application refused via the delegated decision process.

6. For members information there have been no court appeals or prosecutions to update on in the reporting period.

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<b>Financial Implications:</b>	None
<b>Legal Implications</b>	Depending on the action taken the individual concerned may have a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days the individual is informed of this.
<b>Environmental Implications:</b>	None
<b>Community Safety Implications:</b>	The actions taken contribute towards the Council's Community Safety objectives. Actions following the consideration of this report will aim to reinforce community confidence, reduce the fear of the public and increase the safety of those who may be vulnerable when using 'taxi' services.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Appendices
<b>Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:</b>	Not ward related.

Summary	Date of final decision	Decision	Added to NR3s
ADEL/202 - Replacement saloon HCV	10/04/24	Approved	N/A
ADEL/203 – Failed to provide Annual Declaration and Medical Examination Report	16/08/24	Revoked	NR3s
ADEL/201 – Police disclosure - arrested for the alleged offence of ‘Conspire to Possess a Firearm without Certificate	26/04/24	Revoked – No police update	NR3s
ADEL/202 – Multiple complaints received regarding driver conduct	16/05/24	Suspended pending committee hearing	NR3s
ADEL/203 – Police disclosure - arrested for the alleged offences of ‘Battery’, ‘Causing Grievous Bodily Harm with intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm’, ‘Engage in Controlling/Coercive Behaviour in an intimate/family relationship’, and ‘Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm’	26/06/24	Revoked – NFA by police	NR3s
ADEL/205 – HPI check vehicle has Cat S Accident damage recorded - cannot meet transport policy	10/07/24	Revoked	N/A
ADEL/206 – Complaint of harassment	08/08/24	Suspended pending committee hearing	NR3s
ADEL/207 – Police disclosure - arrested for the alleged offences of ‘Causing Grievous Bodily Harm w/intent to do grievous bodily Harm’ and ‘Affray’. No Further police action was taken for the alleged offence of ‘Causing Grievous Bodily Harm w/intent to do grievous bodily Harm’	16/08/24	Revoked - NFA by police	NR3s
ADEL/208 – Police disclosure - arrested for the alleged offences of ‘Causing Grievous Bodily Harm w/intent to do grievous bodily Harm’ and ‘Affray’. No Further police action was taken for the alleged offence of ‘Causing Grievous Bodily Harm w/intent to do grievous bodily Harm’	16/08/24	Revoked - NFA by police	NR3s
ADEL/209 – Request to depart from policy and remove vehicle livery	27/09/24	Refused Request	N/A
ADEL/210 – Request to depart from policy and remove vehicle livery	03/10/24	Refused Request	N/A
ADEL/211 – Complaint of alleged inappropriate conduct	20/09/24	Suspension pending committee hearing	NR3s
ADEL/212 – Poor level of English – not complying with condition from grant of licence that he undertakes ESOL	08/11/24	Suspended Suspension lifted	NR3s
ADEL/213 – Failed to submit Annual Declaration	06/12/24	Revoked	NR3s

ADEL/214 – Failure to provide DBS	02/12/24	Revoked	NR3s
ADEL/215 – Police Disclosure - arrested for the alleged offence of ‘Stalking involving serious alarm/distress’ and ‘Sexual Assault’	08/11/24	Revoked – NFA by police	NR3s
ADEL/218 – DVLA Licence Revocation	18/12/24	Revoked	NR3s
ADEL/219 – Police disclosure - arrested for the alleged offence of ‘Stalking without fear/alarm/distress’	23/12/24	Revoked – No police update	NR3s
ADEL/ 220 – Medical condition does not meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards	18/12/24	Refuse to Renew	NR3s
ADEL/221 - Medical condition does not meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards	20/03/25	Revoked	NR3s
ADEL/222 - Medical condition does not meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards medical	25/03/25	Revoked	NR3s
ADEL/223 – Police Disclosure - arrested for the alleged ‘Sexual Assault – Intentionally Touch Female – No Penetration’ and ‘Stalking without fear/alarm/distress’	11/03/25	Revoked – No police update	NR3s
ADEL/225 – Police disclosure - Renewal Application – arrested for the alleged offence of ‘C/Supplying controlled drug – Class – A – Other’	20/03/25	Refuse to Renew – No police update	NR3s
ADEL/226 – Licence renewal received medical concerns – positive THC at oral fluid drugs test	06/03/25	Refused to Renew	NR3s
ADEL/227 – New applicant – medical condition does not meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards	31/03/25	Refused to Grant	NR3s
ADEL/228 – Renewal – medical condition does not meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards	31/03/25	Refused to Renew	NR3s
ADEL/229 – Request to depart from policy and remove vehicle livery	28/03/25	Refused Request	NA
ADEL/230 – Police Disclosure - arrested alleged Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs – Cocaine and POCA	28/03/25	Revoked – Court appeal lodged - No police update	NR3s

# Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1,2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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