

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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Financial Implications:	None
Legal Implications	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.
Environmental Implications:	None
Community Safety Implications:	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.
Background Papers:	Appendices
Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:	Not ward related.