

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee
13 August 2026**

Present:

Councillor L. Barker (Chair)

Councillor C. Bateson and P.N. Woodward

7/26 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

8/26 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Act indicated below.

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual and on the basis that publication would not be in the public interest because information and documentation is personal and subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

9/26 Exempt report to determine whether Mr Baljeet Chopra is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

The Chair introduced the councillors and officers present and welcomed Mr Baljeet Chopra to the meeting and asked if he would be represented and/or calling any witnesses. He confirmed he was accompanied by his son, Jasdeep Chopra, but he was not attending as legal representation or as a witness.

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive in summary and outlined the matter before the Sub-Committee. The purpose of the hearing was to consider and determine whether Mr Baljeet Chopra was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage driver licence.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the procedure which accompanied the Agenda for the meeting.

The Sub-Committee then resolved to adjourn to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening, the Chair gave the decision of the Sub-Committee. She advised that the full decision with reasons would be notified to Mr Chopra in

writing within fourteen days and that he had a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

Resolved to suspend Mr Chopra's Hackney Carriage driver licence for six weeks for the reasons set out in the full decision notice to be provided within fourteen days of this Sub-Committee hearing.