

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title: Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences – Decisions under Delegated Authority

Meeting/Date: Licensing and Protection Committee – 30th June 2021

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Leisure and Regulatory Services – Cllr Mr K Prentice

Report by: Licensing Team.

Ward(s) affected: All.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Acting Operational Manager (Business) has delegated authority to refuse, suspend or revoke private hire and hackney carriage driver and vehicle licences under the powers delegated by or on the recommendation of the Licensing and Protection Committee.

Below is a summary of the actions that have taken place since the last meeting of the Committee.

2. REPORT

2.1

Date	Licence type	Decision	Reason	Outcome
12.01.2021	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Suspended S60 (1) (b) & (c)	Non – compliance with licence Vehicle stopped by Police with illegal window tints	Suspension removed on 18.01.2021
12.01.2021	Application for a New Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Refused S48 (1) (b) & (7)	Providing false/misleading or incorrect information on application.	

			Failure to provide proof of insurance	
13.01.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S68	Vehicle driven through standing flood water	Remains suspended
14.01.2021	Application for a New Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Refused S48 (1) (b) & (7)	Providing false/misleading or incorrect information on application. Failure to provide proof of insurance	
20.01.2021	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Refused S60 (2)	Late Renewal Provided conflicting information on the fitness of the vehicle.	
27.01.2021	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Suspended S60 (1) (c)	Vehicle reported stolen. Police involved We do not know who is in control or location of this vehicle. Asked Police to be updated and will chase for updates.	Licence now expired
27.01.2021	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Suspended S61 (1) (a) (ii) & (b) [28 days]	Undeclared motoring convictions	Suspended between 17.02.2021 – 17.03.2021
28.01.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S68	Accident report form stating vehicle was involved in a 3-way crash.	Suspension removed 24.03.2021

			Both rear and side damage.	
28.01.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S60 (1) (b) & (c)	Vehicle uninsured Removed from cover without informing the authority	Added back to cover on 29.01.2021 Suspension removed on 03.02.2021 Warning issued
28.01.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S60 (1) (b) & (c)	Vehicle uninsured Removed from cover without informing the authority	Added back to cover on 29.01.2021 Suspension removed on 03.02.2021 Warning issued
02.02.2021	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence [New applicant]	Refused S51 & S59	No declaration of criminal convictions Not fit & proper due to criminal convictions	
08.02.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Revoked Section 68 (2) & (3)	Failure to comply with Section 68 suspension notice issued on 07.12.2020 Vehicle unfit	
08.02.2021	Private Hire Operator Licence [New applicant]	Refused S62	Attempt to licence a satellite office outside of district Provided false/misleading information on application.	
09.02.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S60 (1) (b) (c)	Vehicle is untaxed	Removed as proof of tax provided

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10.02.2021	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Suspended S68	Vehicle unfit to be tested on 04.02.2021	Suspension removed 04.04.2021
17.02.2021	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Suspension S61 (1) (a) (ii) & (b) 28 days	Failure to declare 2X motoring convictions	Suspension removed on 17.03.2021
31.03.2021	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Suspended S68	Unfit following collision	Suspension still in place
31.03.2021	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Suspended S61 (1)	Unfit on medical grounds following collision	Suspension removed on 08.04.2021

3. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

3.2 The following licensing decisions from previous reports are still awaiting a court date:

Date of original HDC decision	Licence type	Result
28.11.2019	Refusal to grant a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence. [Renewal applicant]	Appeal dismissed
31.07.2020	Revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence [Review of licence]	Appeal upheld at Crown Court
11.09.2020	Revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence Review of licence]	Appeal upheld by Magistrates
02.02.2021	Refusal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Appeal scheduled. Date unknown at time of reporting.
10.12.2020	Revocation of a Private Hire Operator Licence	Appeal trial date set for 18 May 2021

24.03.2021	Refusal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Joint appeal trial to be heard on 03.06.2021
02.11.2020	Refusal of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence [transfer]	The joint trial has been adjourned X2 due to a translator not turning up at court.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members are requested to note and consider the above information

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