

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 13th August, 2025**

**Present:** Cllr B Banks, Cllr R V Roud and Cllr M Taylor (Chair)

**PART 1 - PUBLIC**

**LAP 25/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**LAP 25/29 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

**RESOLVED:** That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

**PART 2 - PRIVATE**

**MATTERS FOR DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

**LAP 25/30 REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - 006/2025**

(Reasons: LGA 1972 – Sch 12A Paragraph 1 and 2 – Information relating to an individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.)

The Licensing and Appeals Committee, sitting as a Panel, considered whether the licensing authority should take any action against a Private Hire Driver's licence holder following receipt of a complaint that five passengers had been carried when the vehicle was only licensed to carry four.

Due regard was given to the explanation and apology of the driver in respect of the circumstances. The Panel accepted this version of events and were satisfied that the apology was genuine.

Nonetheless the Panel made it clear that an offence had been committed contrary to s.40A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 which carried a maximum penalty of £2500.

**RESOLVED:** That in respect of Case Number 006/2025 the Private Hire Drivers licence be suspended for a period of one week.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am  
having commenced at 10.00am