

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 25/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LAP 25/32 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 25/33 REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - CASE 007/2025

(Reasons: Part 2 – Private – 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 & 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 received that two passengers with assistance dogs had been refused travel.

Due regard was given to the explanation of the driver in respect of the circumstances. The Panel was not satisfied with the explanation provided or that the driver was fully aware of their legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

In the circumstances the Panel decided to suspend the Private Hire Driver's licence for a period of two weeks and the Panel recommended that the driver re-sit the online disability awareness course and send proof of completion to the licensing authority.

RESOLVED: That, in respect of Case Number 007/2025:

- (1) the Private Hire Drivers licence be suspended for a period of two weeks; and
- (2) the driver re-sit the online disability awareness course and send proof of completion to the Licensing Authority.

The meeting ended at 12.27 pm
having commenced at 11.30am