



Derby City Council
 Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Trade Meeting
 Thursday, 22 January 2026 – 10.30am
 Council House, Derby
MINUTES

No	Agenda Item	Who	Actions
1	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>Attendance Angela Rawson (Chair) Dave Basford (DCC Licensing) Asaf Afzal (D.A.T.O.A) Michael Rowlands (DATA) Manpreet Singh Malhi (DATA) Kevin Boole (DATA) Lisa Rapport (UBER) Cllr Sara Bolton (DCC Licensing Committee) Azhar Hussain (DHA) Lee Roach (DATA)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Ian Clarke Purjinder Gill Siraj Nabi (DHA) Muhsin Nazir (DATOA)</p> <p>Minutes from October Discussed telephone lines access ACTION - AMR to check actions from PG</p>	AMR	AMR
2	<p>DATA – Lee Roach</p> <p>1) Engagement with the Trade regarding TL restructure</p> <p>Access to the direct telephone will be considered now the team is out of the end of busy renewal period. The newer team members are now trained and are becoming an integral part of the team. AMR confirmed that trade will be asked to trial any new processes and practices we wish to implement. We can then evaluate and resource as required.</p>		



AMR gave example of moving onto digital platforms such as Digital Knowledge Test. Discussions regarding pertinent security matters, logistics and location of test taking. Stalled whilst Corporate digitalisation programme proceeds. Should be able to implement later this year.
DB affirmed that PL holders do theirs online.

D.A.T.O.A. (and DHA) Asaf Afzal

- 1) Licensing Fees: Review current fees (£211 new, £124 renewal).
MN raised the matter of combined fees for applications/stickers etc and AMR said that they will be separated out for the new fee structure for clarity. Report being considered at February meeting
- 2) Vehicle Age Limit - Hackney
No scrappage scheme – why cant we keep vehicles if they are in good condition and Euro 6 compliant with good emissions. Not many vehicles to choose from. AA highlighted issues with availability and costings. Discussion on how we can keep the hackney trade viable.
5 years for new private hire vehicles has been out for consultation. The consultation is now closed, the results will be collated and put before the Licensing Committee in March 2026.
LR suggested joint working by trade bodies on the age policy as a whole. Group agreed. Any comments to be filtered through AMR by emailing taxi.licensing@derby.gov.uk marked for the attention of Angela Rawson.
LR raised issue of Councillors attending meetings. AMR declined responding in detail but will raise at the next meeting as an agenda item for April
ACTION: AMR to update at next meeting
- 3) Out of Area Taxis: Address non-local vehicles in prominent positions.
AA noted such as Wardwick is a problem and affects safeguarding etc. AA confirmed that parking services have been taking active role but it is still prevalent. AA questioned the top box – AMR/DB confirmed it depends on the conditions of their licence. DB confirmed that Wolves are very good so if the trade have information such as photos to send directly to the relevant licensing authority for action. Same for Ashfield.
LR raised cross border powers to check vehicles. AMR confirmed the service is not illegal but is being looked at by Government at this time. LGA and Institute of Licensing also active in this field.
- 4) Phoenix St/Siddalls Rd Bus Lanes: no update, will request further update and attendance for Aprils meeting from Ian/Rob
Action: AMR to request attendance

MN/AA

DB



	<p>5) Plate Removal Procedure :Confirm plate handling during spot checks. AA requested drivers be allowed to retain their plate and have it put on when the vehicle has been rectified. DB – we have reviewed how we have action this in that they are they are now put first for licensing officers to deal with. DB explained the consequences of not handing plate back and it is in vehicle conditions. Driver is asked to relinquish his plates which are returned after rectification. AMR raised issue of safeguarding if plates retained by what may be an unscrupulous drivers. Operators are advised in any event when a plate has been suspended.</p> <p>6) Electric Taxi Transition: Review policy and potential impacts.</p> <p>AA to prepare paper with concerns – whole trade bodies involvement. AMR confirmed that policy stays in place until such time as it is changed/updated by the Committee.</p>		
3	<p>Any other business Updated TOR will be circulated for comment and approval at Aprils meeting ACTION: AMR to add to Aprils agenda</p> <p>Standing Item – Reminder to pass on information from this meeting to your trade members. AMR explained importance and approval confirmed by trade</p>	AMR	
4	Next meeting: 23 April 2026 @ 10.30am Council House	ALL	

