

## RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

This form must be completed by or on behalf of the relevant Officer immediately after any decision has been made. Please send to the Proper Officer for publication in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

<b>NAME OF OFFICER MAKING DECISION</b>	Charlotte Hudson Head of Housing & Community Services
<b>SUBJECT OF DECISION BEING MADE BY OFFICER</b>	Immediate Revocation of Dual Hackney/Private Hire Driver Licence held by [REDACTED]
<b>SUMMARY OF OFFICER DECISION AND REASON FOR THAT DECISION</b>	<p>Immediate evocation of [REDACTED] licence following the receipt of a complaint that that [REDACTED] made contact with a minor who had previously been a passenger in his licenced vehicle. He sent messages and a photograph to her mobile phone that were inappropriate and suggestive of sexual advances. Screen shots of the messages have been provided as evidence and identify [REDACTED] in clear images.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] In the interest of public safety the decision has been taken to revoke his Swale Dual Hackney/Private Hire Driver Licence with immediate effect.</p>
<b>DATE OF OFFICER DECISION</b>	01/07/2025
<b>DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	To wait until the police have completed their investigation before taking action. This proposal was rejected as [REDACTED] would be able to continue working as a licenced driver and any delay would not be in the interest of public safety
<b>DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN</b>	Legal consultation with Contentious Lawyer Helen Ward
<b>DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS</b>	None
<b>CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES/FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	Johanna Thomas Licensing Team Leader Mohammad Bauluck Licensing Officer
<b>DELEGATING COMMITTEE OR INDIVIDUAL</b>	Head of Housing and Communities Delegation 2.8.18.43 To undertake all functions regarding Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
	N/A

<b>TITLE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>DECISION/RECOMMENDATION</b>	Immediate evocation of [REDACTED] licence following the receipt of a complaint that [REDACTED] made contact with a minor who had previously been a passenger in his licenced vehicle. He sent messages and a photograph to her mobile phone that were inappropriate and suggestive of sexual advances. In the interest of public safety the decision has been taken to revoke his Swale Dual Hackney/Private Hire Driver Licence with immediate effect.
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