

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

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NAME OF OFFICER MAKING DECISION	Charlotte Hudson Head of Housing & Community Services
SUBJECT OF DECISION BEING MADE BY OFFICER	Immediate Revocation of Dual Hackney/Private Hire Driver Licence held by [REDACTED]
SUMMARY OF OFFICER DECISION AND REASON FOR THAT DECISION	Immediate revocation of [REDACTED] licence following the receipt of a police disclosure detailing that [REDACTED] is currently on police bail. [REDACTED] was arrested after suspicious activity was noted and his vehicle was stopped and searched. The arrest was for the offence of being unfit through drink/drugs, possession of class b drugs and other unspecified driving offences. [REDACTED] did not notify Swale Licensing of his arrest which is a breach of the Swale Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Licensing Policy. [REDACTED] was not driving a licenced taxi/private hire vehicle at the time of the arrest. However this is a serious offence and in the interest of public safety the decision has been taken to revoke his Swale Dual Hackney/Private Hire Driver Licence with immediate effect.
DATE OF OFFICER DECISION	17/07/2026
DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	To wait until the police have completed their investigation before taking action. This proposal was rejected, [REDACTED] has previously informed Licensing that he was not currently working as a taxi driver, but without revocation [REDACTED] could return to working as a licenced driver at any time therefore a delay in action would not be in the interest of public safety
DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN	Legal consultation with Contentious Lawyer Helen Ward
DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS	None
CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES/FURTHER INFORMATION	Johanna Thomas Licensing Team Leader Mohammad Bauluck Licensing Officer
DELEGATING COMMITTEE OR INDIVIDUAL	Head of Housing & Community Services Officer 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.

TITLE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE	N/A
DECISION/RECOMMENDATION	Immediate revocation of [REDACTED] licence following: 1. the receipt of a police disclosure detailing that [REDACTED] is currently on police bail following his arrest for the offence of being unfit through drink/drugs, possession of class b drugs and other unspecified driving offences. 2. The failure to notify Swale Licensing of the arrest, breaching the Swale Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Licensing Policy. 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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