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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026

AT 6.00 P.M.

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MEMBERS: Councillors S. Ammar, R. A. Bailes, J. Clarke, A. M. Dale, J. Elledge, D. J. A. Forsythe, B. Kumar, D. Hopkins, C. A. Hotham, B. McEldowney, P. M. McDonald, S. A. Robinson and P. J. Whittaker

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman
2. Election of Vice-Chairman
3. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
4. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.
5. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16th March 2026. (Pages 7 - 16)
6. Hackney Carriage Rank Review (Pages 17 - 24)
7. Street Trading Policy - Verbal Update
8. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy - Verbal Update
9. Licensing Committee Work Programme 2026/2027 (Pages 25 - 26)

10. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting
11. To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) of business containing exempt information:-

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>	
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12. Any Enforcement / Appeals Updates

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10th July 2026

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MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026, AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Elledge (Chairman), B. McElDowney (Vice-Chairman), R. Bailes, J. Clarke, A. M. Dale, D. J. A. Forsythe, B. Kumar (during Minute No's 18/25 to part of 22/25), D. Hopkins, C.A. Hotham, S. A. Robinson and P. J. Whittaker

Officers: Mrs. V. Brown, Ms. K. Lahel, Ms. H. Powell and Mrs. P. Ross

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. J. Hunter and P. M. McDonald.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 10th November 2025 were submitted for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 10th November 2025, be approved as a correct record.

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REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY - FOR MEMBER DISCUSSION

The Licensing and Support Services Manager and Principal Officer (Licensing), Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) provided Members with a verbal update on the Council's Street Trading Policy, and in doing so, explained that the current policy had come into effect on 1st December 2017 and therefore the policy now needed to be reviewed to ascertain if the policy was still current.

Members were being asked for any comments / updates that they felt should be included within the policy, prior to consultation, should any changes be agreed during the course of the meeting.

Licensing Officers, WRS had met with the Bromsgrove Centres Manager, whereby the possibility of including Street Trading Consents

for one day events or pop up events (one and or two day events) should be included in the policy. There had been a number of community focused events in the District and it was felt unreasonable that Street Traders, who wanted to trade at these community focused events should have to pay the full cost of a Street Trading Consent, which was normally granted for a for 12 months.

A shorter duration other than 12 months could be considered but one / two day consents were not specifically referred to in the current policy, or any reference to reduced application costs for such community focused events.

Officers further referred to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and if signing up to the DBS Update Service Check should be included in the policy.

Members debated this and having debated the idea, felt that whilst this was a great idea, officers had previously stated that DBS checks could take anywhere between three to twelve weeks to be processed, so the DBS check may not be received in time for the applicant(s) to street trade at a community event. This would also create additional work for Licensing Officers who would have to recheck the DBS Update Service every six months.

Members also queried as to why applications could not be considered from anyone under 17 years of age, and restrictions on any assistants that successful applicants might employ. Officers clarified that there was specific legislation regulating the employment of young people, and the hours and type of work they could carry out / be employed for. Members agreed that information relating to the employment of young people should be referred to in the revised policy.

Members raised a query with regard to children putting up stalls outside of their homes to raise money for charity, was this considered Street Trading? And what would happen if any complaints were received from neighbours?

Officers stated that it was considered Street Trading, however a Street Trading Consent could only be issued to over 17 year olds. Officers would have to investigate any complaints received.

In response to further questions from Members, officers confirmed that Worcestershire County Council (Highways) were consulted with on Street Trading Applications, as detailed on page 18 of the main agenda pack – 3.3 Processing an Application.

Members further asked that should the community focused events / market days be cancelled due to severe weather conditions, were traders reimbursed?

Officers stated that refunds were not issued for closures due to severe weather conditions.

Members also asked in the shopkeepers saw the market / street traders as competition, if they were selling similar goods?

Officers briefly referred to the Markets Charter, and the Council also had Market Regulations. Market stall holders and street traders could not operate near a 'like by' shop premises.

Members queried the following, in section 3.7 – Key Considerations –

'the proposed consent holder is not considered to be a suitable person to be granted a street trading consent for any reason.'

Could officers include any further definition, in the revised policy, as to the reasons why a proposed consent holder may not considered to be a suitable person to be granted a street trading consent.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Street Trading Policy be revised to include the comments and amendments as discussed in the preamble above, and
- b) the revised Street Trading Policy be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee for Member consideration, prior to consultation.

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) reminded the Committee as to the reasons why this report was being presented to the Committee.

At the Licensing Committee meeting held on 10th November 2025 Members had asked for reassurance that officers were carrying out all of the necessary checks required for taxi licensing in a timely manner since the introduction of the new Government's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance in 2022, with particular emphasis on the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) processing and checking through the renewals process.

This report was to inform Committee Members and to provide reassurance that the process for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver licences had evolved since the implementation of the requirements set out in the Government's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance in 2022.

The Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, set out the criteria that any applicant must meet in order to obtain a driver licence. The policy relating to driver

licences was in accordance with the Government's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance 2022.

As part of a recent internal monitoring the licensing team had acknowledged that the requirements set out in the Government's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance 2022, had clearly strengthened safeguarding checks and internal procedures. As a result, there had been a domino effect of extra officer checks being undertaken by the licensing team.

There were three key items when carrying out such checks, as referred to in the report:-

- DBS certificate
- Worcestershire Taxi and Private Hire Competency Certificate
- National Register of Revocations and Refusals (NR3 register)

With regards to drivers having to sign up to the DBS Update Service, any driver refusing to sign up to the DBS Update Service would be brought before a Licensing Sub-Committee. A new licence would not be issued without a licensing officer seeing a current DBS certificate. Officers wanted to further reassure Committee Members that they did carry out a lot of checks and chasing of drivers and new applicants.

In response to questions on who the onus was with regarding DBS information, the Licensing and Support Services Manager, WRS stated that the onus was on the driver to notify licensing officers of any changes to their DBS certificate. Officers carried out six monthly checks on the DBS Update Service, but as highlighted in the Councils' Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – Change of Circumstances B.11, the onus was on the driver, as detailed in the policy:-

'A licence holder must notify the licensing authority as soon as reasonably practicable and within no more than 48 hours in any of the following circumstances:

- if they been arrested or charged by the police in relation to any offence (including motoring offences)
- if they receive a conviction, caution or fixed penalty in relation to any offence (including motoring offences)'

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, WRS responded to further questions with regard to the policy, section 3.5.6 vehicles licensed by other local authorities, in that the Council would not issue a licence in respect of a vehicle that was already licensed by another local authority to be used as either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle. Members queried as to how would licensing officers know if an applicant was or had been licensed by another local authority?

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Members were informed that the application form included a question on being licenced by another authority:-

‘Do you hold a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver licence with another licensing authority?’

Plus, on the National Register of Revocations and Refusals (NR3 register), applicants and licence holders were required to disclose if they held or had previously held a licence with another authority. The applicant was also required to disclose if they had had an application for a licence refused, or a licence revoked or suspended by any other Licensing Authority.

Members further questioned as to how it was determined that an applicant / driver was not a ‘fit and proper’ test to hold such a licence.

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) stated that their DBS Certificate or the DBS Update Service would alert officers, as would the NR3 register. Also, licensing officers carried out 6 monthly status checks on all licensed drivers.

If these check revealed that there was new information held against the licence holder, the information would be considered in line with the ‘fit and proper’ test, and the licence would be reviewed by a licensing officer. In most instances any new information on their record was likely to be referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for consideration.

If when conducting the 6 monthly checks the licensing team found that a driver had fallen off the DBS Update Service, the licensing team would contact the licence holder to ensure that the matter was rectified. Where the licence holder had fallen off the Update Service, a new DBS certificate must be applied for.

If the licensing team find that a driver has fallen off the DBS Update Service and they were, either unable to make contact with the licence holder or the licence holder refused or delayed to re-subscribe to the DBS Update Service; the matter would be brought before the Licensing Sub-Committee for consideration.

Members were further reassured that in the interest of public safety; licensing officers could suspend or revoke a licence with immediate effect, should the circumstances be serious enough to do so. Officers would ensure that the driver’s licence, badge and licence plate were seized.

With regards to the requirement that licensed drivers had first aid kits in their vehicles, Members were further reassured that the Worcestershire Taxi and Private Hire Competency Certificate covered first aid training.

Further debate followed on the number of licensed Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles in the district, with the number decreasing over the years. Members asked officers if they had any concerns and if the current taxi service was sufficient to meet the needs of the District?

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) stated that officers had current information to hand on the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fleet. The Chairman asked officers to provide Licensing Committee Members with this information (via email) after the meeting.

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) stated that policies within other Districts were very similar with having to meet the Government's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards. Other areas had also seen numbers reduce, with drivers not wanting to work evenings and with the competition from Uber. However, officers did not have any concerns, as no complaints had been received by WRS with regards to members of the public being unable to get a taxi in the District.

Members asked who investigated complaints against licensed drivers and who took any necessary action?

The Licensing and Support Services Manager, Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) explained that WRS had a complaints policy and depending on the nature of the complaint / the actual complaint or an accumulation of complaints, these would be dealt with by licensing officers or referred to a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee if needed.

Members commented that the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy had a number of areas where information was duplicated. Was it possible for officer to amalgamate these areas in order to make the policy more reader friendly?

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted, and that

- a) the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – sections that contain duplicate information be amalgamated in order to make the policy easier to read, and
- b) the amalgamated areas to be highlighted, and a verbal update on the amalgamated areas and a copy of the amalgamated policy to be provided to Licensing Committee Members (for noting) at the next meeting of the Committee on 20th July 2026.

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**HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY
REVIEW - REQUIREMENTS AS TO THE AGE OF A VEHICLE UPON
RENEWAL OF LICENCE**

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Members received an information report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Renewal Upper Age Limits.

The Principal Officer (Licensing), Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) presented the report.

Members were reminded that the Committee had previously queried the number of applications received for hackney carriage and private hire licences which fell outside of the Council's current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in terms of vehicle age limits. Members had asked if the hackney carriage and private hire vehicle age restrictions should be increased.

The Council's current hackney carriage and private hire vehicle age requirements for both new and renewal licence applications were set out in section 3.0 to 3.4 of the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, Appendix 1 to the report.

At the Licensing Committee meeting held on 10th November 2025, Members had requested that an information report be presented to the Committee in order for Committee Members to consider whether the current policy around the upper vehicle age limits was suitable and functional.

Members had raised some concern that a high proportion of vehicles were being presented to Licensing Sub-Committee meetings; and were subsequently being granted a licence due to their vehicles being of an exceptional standard.

Members were informed that, as detailed in the report, hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licences may be issued to vehicles that fell outside of the vehicle age policy providing that the vehicle presented was of an 'exceptional standard.'

In the past 3 years between February 2023 and February 2026, the Council had received and considered 11 applications to licence a vehicle outside of the vehicle age policy. This number compared to other districts across Worcestershire was relatively small.

The Principal Officer (Licensing) WRS, drew Members' attention to paragraph 3.3 of the report (page 4 of the Supplementary Agenda Pack) (with regard to applications received and subsequently granted by Licensing Sub-Committee Members), the report detailed that:-

'All of the 11 applications considered were in relation to hackney carriage vehicles, and all were granted.'

Members were informed that not all 11 applications were granted. 1 application was refused and went to an appeal, but it did not proceed as the appellant withdraw his appeal.

At the time of writing this report, the total number of licensed vehicles on the Council's taxi fleet was 89, which consisted of 80 hackney carriage vehicles and 9 private hire vehicles.

It was difficult to predict how many applications might be made in 2026 requesting for a vehicle licence to be granted outside of age policy. However, records held indicated that of the 89 currently licensed vehicles, only three vehicles would be eligible to apply.

Officers had carried out a benchmarking exercise, setting out comparable vehicle age limits with neighbouring local authorities within and bordering Worcestershire, as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

The Principal Officer (Licensing), WRS, reminded Members that should they wish to change Sections 3.4.2 and 3.11.0 of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, then a consultation would have to be carried out with the relevant consultees.

In response the Chairman commented that the number of such applications presented to Licensing Sub-Committee meetings, was not as onerous as Members had thought they were.

Members briefly discussed other authorities criteria's and age restrictions and noted that some authorities would only licence brand new vehicles, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Members also queried if the costs (fees) had any impact. In response the Principal Officer (Licensing), WRS, stated that Wychavon District Council had the lowest fees, but fees charged did not actually have any impact.

The Principal Officer (Licensing), WRS further responded to questions from Members with regards to Uber, who Members were informed were an operator like any other operator. Local authorities could apply to work with Uber, Bromsgrove District Council had requested to do this, however, Uber did not accept the Council's request.

It was highlighted to Members that since deregulation was introduced, cross border working had had an impact on local taxi drivers.

RESOLVED that the information report on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy review – Requirements as to the age of a vehicle upon renewal of licence, be noted.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2025/2026

The Committee considered the Licensing Committee Work Programme for 2025/26.

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Following on from the items discussed during the course of the meeting, it was agreed that the Licensing Committee Work Programme for the new municipal year 2026/2027 be updated as follows:-

- a) Street Trading Policy – draft, revised policy to be considered by the Committee, prior to consultation at the Licensing Committee meeting on 20th July 2026.
- b) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – sections that contained duplicate information to be amalgamated in order to make the policy easier to read. The amalgamated areas to be highlighted, and the policy to be provided to Licensing Committee Members at the next meeting on 20th July 2026.
- c) The Democratic Services Officer to check when the last review of Hackney Carriage taxi stands in District were last reviewed and depending on the time of such a review, if a further review of Hackney Carriage taxi stands in the District should be included on the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee Work Programme 2026/2027, be updated to include the items as detailed in the preamble above.

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TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, DETAILS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE HEAD OF LEGAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING AND WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, CONSIDERS TO BE OF SO URGENT A NATURE THAT IT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

There was no urgent business on this occasion.

The meeting closed at 7.24 p.m.

Chairman

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Hackney Carriage Rank Review – Information Report

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor K. Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Simon Wilkes – Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Report Author	Hazel Powell – Principal Licensing Officer Contact email: Hazel.Powell@worcestershire.gov.uk Contact Tel: 01562 738 054
Wards Affected	Wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	No
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	N/A
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- i. **Note the contents of the report.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 16 March 2016 the Licensing Committee requested officers to bring back an information report on the locations and use of the current Taxi Rank provisions within Bromsgrove town centre.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 There are four official taxi ranks within Bromsgrove Town Centre –

1. Crown Close (Market Street Service Road) near to the bus station.
2. High Street outside the Golden Cross Hotel and Public House.
3. Worcester Road, junction of George Street.
4. Worcester Road, junction of Station Street, near to Bar 61.

A site map of the locations is given as **Appendix 1**.

3.2 **Crown Close (Market Street Service Road)**

The rank in Crown Close is located close to the bus station within the town centre. The rank has five taxi spaces and is in full time operation, Monday to Sunday.

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- 3.3 The rank in Crown Close was last reviewed in 2024. This rank had been subject to some alterations due to changes in road layout carried out by the County Council's Highway Department. The rank had originally provided five taxi spaces but due to the change in road layout one taxi space was lost. The review in 2024 re-designated a taxi space in this area bringing the overall designated taxi spaces back up to five. The current rank consists of four spaces along the south-west of the street and one on the south-east of the street.
- 3.4 Officers confirm that the rank on Crown Close is well used throughout the day being in close proximity to the bus station and Asda supermarket. Licensing Officers consider there is sufficient space for waiting and are not aware of any particular problems in this area, such as "over-ranking". Officers also consider that there is insufficient space to increase the number of available taxi spaces due to the road layout however decisions on road space and safety would ultimately be a consideration for the County Council's Highway Department.
- 3.5 **High Street**
The rank in High Street is located outside the Golden Cross Hotel. The Order permitting the current rank was authorised in 2009. The rank has five taxi spaces, two of the spaces are available 24 hours a day, three spaces are available between 19:00 to 07:00 daily.
- 3.6 Officers consider this rank to be moderately well used both in the day and in the evenings however it is believed that the rank is less used in the evening than in previous years due to the retraction in the night time economy.
- 3.7 **Worcester Road (junction with George Street)**
This rank on Worcester Road is located close to the junction with George Street. The Order permitting the current rank was authorised in 2014. The rank has six taxi spaces for use between the hours of 23:00 to 05:00.
- 3.8 Officers consider that this rank is less well used than the ranks available within Crown Close and High Street. Historically this rank was popular in the evenings as part of the night time economy but as venues have closed, and the night time economy within the town centre has shrunk, there is now less demand from members of the public for this rank.
- 3.9 **Worcester Road (junction with Station Street)**
This rank in Worcester Road is located on the corner of Worcester Road and Station Street and is near to Bar 61. The Order permitting the current rank was authorised in 2010. The rank has four taxi spaces for use between the hours of 19:00 to 07:00 daily.

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- 3.10 Officers consider this, like the other rank on Worcester Road, to be one that has previously been well used in the evenings however due to the decreased night time economy there is less demand for this rank than in previous years.
- 3.11 In the compilation of information for this report it should be noted that the views of the trade and public have not been sought and there has been no official Hackney Carriage demand survey carried out for Bromsgrove Town Centre.
- 3.12 Members of the Committee may consider whether they wish to instruct officers to gather more evidential information regarding the current use of taxi ranks. Means of gathering such information may include a survey with the taxi trade, stakeholders, and the public and/or a third party taxi rank demand survey.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If the committee are minded to instruct officers to carry out a survey with the taxi trade, stakeholders and the public the cost of carrying out such a survey would be met from existing budgets held by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.
- 4.2 If the committee are minded to instruct officers to carry out a third party taxi rank demand survey the Council would be required to cover the cost of the survey. Taxi rank demand surveys can be costly and consideration would need to be given to the value for money this option would provide. Officers may be able to obtain costings if a full demand survey was considered.
- 4.3 If, at any future point, the Committee are minded to propose an alteration to the existing ranks, or propose new ranks, associated costs must include consideration of officer, legal and councillor time as follows:
- Full liaison with the Highway's Authority and the police
 - Committee report(s) preparation, review and presentation
 - Committee report(s) consideration - prior to and at committee(s)
 - Public notice preparation/publication
 - Consideration of representations
 - Preparation of official legal documents – Taxi Rank Orders
 - Procurement of road signage/markings and associated works costs (normally undertaken by the County Council)

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5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The relevant piece of legislation which enables the Council to create and vary Taxi Ranks, is the S63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Act States:

- (1) *For the purposes of their functions under the Act of 1847, a district council may from time to time appoint stands for hackney carriages for the whole or any part of a day in any highway in the district which is maintainable at the public expense and, with the consent of the owner, on any land in the district which does not form part of a highway so maintainable and may from time to time vary the number of hackney carriages permitted to be at each stand.*
- (2) *Before appointing any stand for hackney carriages or varying the number of hackney carriages to be at each stand in exercise of the powers of this section, a district council shall give notice to the chief officer of police for the police area in which the stand is situated and shall also give public notice of the proposal by advertisement in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district and shall take into consideration any objections or representations in respect of such proposal which may be made to them in writing within twenty-eight days of the first publication of such notice.*

A new rank cannot prevent access to any premises or impede the operation of other forms of public transport such as buses.

No rank can be placed upon the highway without the consent of the Highways authority.

- 5.2 In practical terms 5.1 above means approval will need to be sought from the County Council Highways Authority before work can start on the process for creating new, or varying existing, Taxi Ranks in the town centre. Approval is also required from the Chief of Police. Once approval has been obtained the process highlighted above at 5.1 (2) can be undertaken.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 6.1 The sufficient provision of taxi ranks helps supports residents and local businesses. By maintaining a resilient transport network, we also support resident's movement across the borough which includes

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journeys relating to employment and to access leisure and other amenities. This clearly supports local businesses and the Council's Economy Development and Infrastructure priorities.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 No implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.3 Section 149 (7) of the Equality Act 2010 defines the relevant protected characteristics as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 6.4 Officers having assessed the above and conclude that the matters and recommendations raised in this report do not adversely impact or unlawfully discriminate against any protected characteristics therefore a full equality Impact Assessment will not be required.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Rank Location Plan

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Taxi Rank Locations, Bromsgrove Town Centre

1. Crown Close, near bus station

2. High Street, near Golden Cross Hotel



4. Worcester Road, jct Station Street

3. Worcester Road, jct George Street

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LICENSING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2026/2027

20th July 2026

- **Street Trading Policy** – Verbal Update
- **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy** – Verbal Update
- **Hackney Carriage Stands** – Review of Hackney Carriage stands.

Closed Session

- Any Enforcement / Appeals Updates – (verbal)

7th September 2026

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- Any Enforcement / Appeals Updates – (verbal)

9th November 2026

Closed Session

- Any Enforcement / Appeals Updates – (verbal)

15th March 2027

Closed Session

- Any Enforcement / Appeals Updates – (verbal)

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