Item 1(a)

27th August 2025

Glasgow City Council

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – SUSPENDED

Purpose of Report:

To advise Members of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of Mr Shamsher Ahmed's private hire car driver's licence (PD31286).

Recommendations:

Members are asked to consider, in view of the background information and having given the licence holder an opportunity to be heard, whether to:-

(a) suspend Mr Ahmed's private hire car driver's licence for the unexpired portion of its duration or such shorter period as you may determine and, if so, whether the suspension is with immediate effect; or

(b) revoke Mr Ahmed's private hire car driver's licence.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐
(Where appropriate)

1 Background

1.1 Mr Shamsher Ahmed was granted the grant of his private hire car driver's licence by this Authority on 6 December 2023 for a period of three years with effect from 6 December 2023 and with an expiry date of 30 November 2026 subject to the requirement that he attends medical examinations during May 2024, 2025 and 2026.

1.2 The Licensing Section received a report from People Asset Management dated 24 April 2025 regarding Mr Ahmed's fitness in terms of Group 2 standards, a copy of which will tabled at the meeting.

1.3 In view of the terms of this information and in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Mr Ahmed's private hire car driver's licence was suspended on 18 July 2025 with immediate effect for a period of six weeks, since it was deemed that his continued private hire car driving would be likely to cause a serious threat to public safety.

1.4 Members will be aware that following the immediate suspension of Mr Ahmed's licence, this Committee is required to consider whether it is necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the licence in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None
Legal:	Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 provides that a licence may be (a) suspended for the unexpired portion of its duration or such shorter period as may be determined, which may be with immediate effect; or (b) revoked.
Personnel:	None
Procurement:	None

Council Strategic Plan: None

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25.	N/A

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No significant impact
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.	N/A

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	N/A
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	N/A
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	N/A

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report *If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out*	No. The report discloses personal data on the licence holder. Subject to relevant assessment, the Licensing Authority considers, on balance, that disclosure of the data is justified against current UK data protection law and the legal basis for disclosing such data is Performance of a Task Carried Out in the Public Interest.

3 Recommendations

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