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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

Monday 2nd March 2026

Present: Councillor Eric Firth (Chair)
Councillor Donna Bellamy
Councillor Charles Greaves

In attendance: Jordan Barrett, Licensing Officer
Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Panel
Mike Skelton, Senior Licensing Officer
Richard Woodhead, West Yorkshire Police

54 Membership of the Panel
No apologies were received.

55 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 6th November 2025 be approved as a correct record.

56 Declaration of Interests
No interests were declared.

57 Admission of the Public
It was noted that the agenda item relating to agenda item 8 (Minute No. 61 refers) contained exempt information by virtue of paragraph 1 (information relating to an individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

58 Deputations/Petitions
No deputations or petitions were received.

59 Public Question Time
No public questions were received.

60 Exclusion of the Public
RESOLVED - That acting under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the undermentioned minute.

61 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the Grant of a Personal Licence

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The Panel considered a report which outlined an application for the Grant of a Personal Licence.

The appellant presented the case in support of their licence application. West Yorkshire Police Licensing Officer made representations objecting to the granting of the licence on the grounds that the applicant had an unspent conviction.

In reaching a decision the Panel had due regard to the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Act, the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy and the relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act.

Having considered all the information presented the Panel made their decision for the following reasons:

- Aggravating factors were involved.
- The behaviour involved in the offence was highly relevant to the responsibilities of a personal licence holder.
- The conviction was recent and insufficient time had passed to demonstrate rehabilitation.
- Granting the licence would undermine the crime and prevention licensing objective.

RESOLVED –

That the application for the grant of a personal licence be refused.