

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT
TO THE LICENSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

19 JANUARY 2022
ALL WARDS

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OF THE LICENSING
& PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE:
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021**

1. Summary
 - 1.1 This report advises the Committee of action taken by the Chair under authority from the Licensing & Public Protection Committee, together with an explanation as to why this authority was used.
2. Recommendation
 - 2.1 That the report be noted.

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3. Background Information

- 3.1 On 16 March 2007 Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006 came into force. This has had the effect of enabling a licensing authority to suspend or revoke a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence with immediate effect – meaning that the suspension or revocation takes effect immediately once notice of the authority's decision has been given to the driver – where this decision is considered necessary in the interests of public safety.

4. Summary of Action Taken for November and December 2021

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Date	Reference	Reason	Action
3/11/21	15453	Information from West Midlands Police to the effect that the driver had been arrested for an allegation of driving whilst under the influence of drugs.	Immediate Suspension
10/11/21	3723	Information from West Midlands Police to the effect that the driver was being investigated for an allegation of possession of controlled drugs with intent to supply.	Immediate Suspension
15/11/21	3339	Information from West Midlands Police to the effect that the driver had been filmed causing damage to another vehicle and making threats of violence, it had also been noted that several other complaints of violent behaviour had been made.	Immediate Suspension
26/11/21	3719	Information from West Midlands Police to the effect that the driver had entrapped passengers in his vehicle and been abusive toward them following a dispute over the method of payment.	Immediate Suspension
20/12/21	2618	Information from West Midlands Police that the driver had been accused of a serious sexual assault on a passenger.	Immediate Suspension

5. Implications for Resources

- 5.1 No specific implications have been identified; however, drivers retain the right to appeal through a Magistrates' Court, which may result in the imposition of costs either to or against the City Council.

6. Implications for Policy Priorities

- 6.1 The contents of the report contribute to the City Council's published policy priority of improving the standards of licensed vehicles, people and premises in the City.

7. Implications for Equality and Diversity

- 7.1 The actions identified in this report were taken in accordance with the Regulatory Services enforcement policy, which ensures that equality issues have been addressed.

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