

**Attendance**

**Chair** Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Lab)

**Labour**

Cllr Rita Potter

**Conservative**

Cllr Patricia Patten

**Employees**

Sarah Hardwick – Senior Solicitor  
Michelle Steadman - Licensing Officer  
Julia Cleary – Democratic Support

*Item No. Title*

**1 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies were absence.

**2 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Exclusion of press and public**

Resolved:

That the public and press be excluded.

**4 Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence (14.30)**

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting.

Michelle Steadman, Licensing Officer, outlined the report in relation to the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting and, in doing so, indicated the reasons for referring this matter to the Sub-Committee with reference to Guidelines relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions and more particularly guideline 5.1.3 (b). This guideline relates to major traffic offences and provides that the applicant would not normally be granted a licence in the circumstances before 11 August 2024.

The Applicant confirmed that the information contained within the report was accurate and there were no questions from the Sub Committee for the Licensing Officer.

The Applicant stated that he was already working for a taxi operator firm in Birmingham and now wanted to work as a driver due to family circumstances. The Applicant stated that he had never been in trouble before the listed convictions. The Applicant confirmed that he had worked for the operator firm for 5 years.

The Applicant stated that in relation to the offence in 2011, he had failed to stop when travelling at excessive speed and that following a chase; the Police had resorted to deploying a stinger to halt his vehicle.

With regards to the later offence, the Applicant had been driving the vehicle as his friend who owned it had been drinking when they were stopped by the Police.

The Applicant had now retaken his driving test and produced a letter from the Mosque where he had carried out his community service.

Resolved

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper

person to hold a private hire vehicle driver's licence and accordingly the application was refused.

**5 Application for a Driver's Licence (15.00)**

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting.

Michelle Steadman, Licensing Officer, outlined the report in relation to the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting and, in doing so, indicated the reasons for referring this matter to the Sub-Committee with reference to Guidelines relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions and more particularly guideline 5.1.3 (a). This guideline relates to major traffic offences (other than drink driving and drug offences) and provides that the applicant would not normally be granted a licence in the circumstances before 28 July 2020.

The Applicant confirmed that the information contained within the report was accurate and there were no questions from the Sub Committee for the Licensing Officer.

The Applicant stated that he had been stopped by the Police for driving over the speed limit and explained that this was due to concern over his pregnant partner who he had just received a call from when he was on his way to work.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee was satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire vehicle driver's licence and accordingly agreed to grant him a licence.

**6 Application for a Driver's Licence (15.30)**

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting.

Michelle Steadman, Licensing Officer, outlined the report in relation to the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting and, in doing so, indicated the reasons for referring this matter to the Sub-Committee with reference to Guidelines relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions and more particularly guideline 5.1.3 (b). This guideline relates to major traffic offences (other than drink driving and drug offences) and provides that the applicant would not normally be granted a licence in the circumstances before 26 July 2021.

The Applicant confirmed that the information contained within the report was accurate and there were no questions from the Sub Committee for the Licensing Officer.

The Applicant stated that his whole family were in the taxi trade and that he had applied for the licence in order to support his family.

The Applicant explained the incident to the Sub-Committee and stated that he had been forced to drive the vehicle at knife point. He had to swerve to avoid a child in the road and in doing so he had hit a wall. The other passenger who had been in the vehicle at the time had then run off. When questioned, the Applicant stated that he did not know why one of the other men standing around the car had not driven it or how they knew that he could drive. The Applicant stated that he did not know the other men and had just been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire vehicle driver's licence and accordingly refused to grant him a licence.

## **7 Application for a Driver's Licence (16.00)**

The Applicant did not attend the meeting and was phoned by the Clerk who informed him that the meeting may go ahead in his absence; the Applicant had no objection to this.

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting.

Michelle Steadman, Licensing Officer, outlined the report in relation to the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting and, in doing so, indicated the reasons for referring this matter to the Sub-Committee with reference to Guidelines relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions and more particularly guideline 5.1.3 (a). This guideline relates to major traffic offences (other than drink driving and drug offences) and provides that the applicant would not normally be granted a licence in the circumstances before 11 November 2021.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire vehicle driver's licence and accordingly refused to grant him a licence.

## **8 Application for a Driver's Licence (16.30)**

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting.

Michelle Steadman, Licensing Officer, outlined the report in relation to the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting and, in doing so, indicated the reasons for referring this matter to the Sub-Committee with reference to Guidelines relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions and more particularly guideline 5.1.3 (a). This guideline relates to major traffic offences (other than drink driving and drug offences) and provides that the applicant would not normally be granted a licence in the

circumstances before 28 July 2020; and 5.1.7(b). This guideline relates to dealing/supplying drugs and a licence would not normally be granted.

The Applicant confirmed that the information contained within the report was accurate and there were no questions from the Sub Committee for the Licensing Officer.

The Applicant stated that in relation to the conviction for using a motor vehicle uninsured against third party risks, that there had been a mistake by the insurance company and produced documentation to show this.

The Sub-Committee stated that the issue relating to the intent to deal drugs was the main concern to them and the Applicant stated that this had been only for financial gain and that he had not taken the drugs himself.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire vehicle driver's licence and accordingly refused to grant him a licence.