

**NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL**

**10th December, 2013**

1. **Present:** Councillors T Sheard (Chairman), Dures and Wilson together with Councillor Tattersall (Reserve Member).

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting

2. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

3. **Driver Licences**

The Panel considered reports requesting Members to consider the following:

- (a) an appeal against revocation of the Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr Z C.

Mr Z C was in attendance and was supported by Ms C (his wife) and Mr K Z (his solicitor) who addressed the Panel in support of his case. The Driver was assisted by an interpreter. The Driver also submitted five letters of support.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made, the decision to revoke the dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence was not upheld as there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations made against him. Mr Z C was, therefore, considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The decision of the Panel was not unanimous.

- (b) an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence on behalf of Mr A R.

The applicant was in attendance and addressed the Panel in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented, together with the representations made, the application for the grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence was refused on the grounds that Mr A R was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence due to the number, type and nature of the convictions recorded against the applicant and the disqualification, on two occasions, of his DVLA driving licence.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

(c) the determination of the Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr D G

The applicant was in attendance and was supported by Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) and by Ms K P who addressed the Panel in support of his case. The Driver also submitted two letters of support.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made, in view of the extenuating circumstances submitted, Mr D G was allowed to retain his dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence and no further action was to be taken on the grounds that there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions. Mr D G was, therefore, considered a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

Chairman.....