

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

8th April, 2014

(re-convened meeting from 28th January, 2014)

1. **Present:** Councillors C Wraith (Chairman), J Carr and M Dyson.

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 Licence - Determination**

The Panel considered a report requesting Members to determine the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr N H (the consideration of this matter having been deferred from the meeting held on the 28th January, 2014.

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together with the representations made, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr N H was revoked with immediate effect as he was not considered a fit and proper person to hold such a Licence and he failed to demonstrate exceptional circumstances to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal convictions.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous

29th April, 2014

4. **Present:** Councillors C Wraith (Chairman), T Sheard and Sixsmith together with Councillor Brook (Reserve Member).

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting

5. **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.

6. **Driver Licence - Application**

The Panel considered a report on an application by Mr S W for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and private Hire Driver's Licence.

The applicant was in attendance together with Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) who addressed the Panel in support of his case.

After considering all the information presented, together with the representations made, the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence in view of:

- the number and severity of the convictions recorded against the applicant
- his failure to declare offences in particular in relation to being convicted of five taxi licensing offences in 2010 on his current application (which contributed to dishonesty)
- him knowingly allowing vehicles to be driven as Private Hire Vehicles without the requisite licences and insurance being in place; and
- him failing to demonstrate exceptional circumstances to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions

The decision of the Panel was unanimous

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