

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANELS

2nd December, 2014

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

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from all meetings.

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 application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr P D R

The applicant was in attendance and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the application was refused as the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence on the following grounds:

- The conviction for an accumulation of both violent and theft offences and an offence and warning for harassment
- The ambiguity and concerns as to the reasons for the offences provided by the driver
- The failure to convince the Panel that there were any exceptional circumstances to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions

The decision of the panel was unanimous.

- (b) the Determination of the Hackney Carriage and private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr M I O E.

The driver was in attendance and was represented by his wife Mrs T E who addressed the Panel in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented, in view of the representations made, Mr M I O E was allowed to retain his licence subject to the issuing of a Strong Final Written Warning which will be kept on file as to his future conduct.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous

13th January, 2015

4. **Present:** Councillors C Wraith (Chairman), P Birkinshaw and Worton together with the Mayor (Councillor Shepherd) (Reserve Member).

5. **Driver Licence**

The Panel considered a report requesting Members to consider the determination of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr B A.

The driver was in attendance and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented, together with the representations made, the licence was revoked as the driver was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence on the following grounds:

- The nature of the convictions recorded and the issuing of two Written Warnings for failing to notify the Licensing Authority of those convictions in the appropriate timescales as required by Licensing Conditions
- The conviction for driving a motor vehicle without insurance
- The failure to convince the Panel that there were any exceptional circumstances to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions

The decision of the Panel was not unanimous.