

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

24th May, 2016

- 1 Present:** Councillors Clarke (Chair), W Johnson and Richardson together with Councillor Griffin (Reserve Member)

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting.

- 2 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

- 5 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr S H**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr S H.

The driver was in attendance together with his representative Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) who gave evidence in support of his case. Mr D W also called witnesses Mr and Mrs H in support of the applicant.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the Panel determined that the application be granted (with a review in 6 months) due to the time that had elapsed since the applicants last offence, the number of character references provided and the manner in which he had presented himself at the hearing.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous

16th June, 2016

- 6 Present:** Councillors Richardson (Chair), Ennis and S Green

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting.

- 7 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

- 8 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Appeal against Revocation – Mr B B A**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation requesting Members to consider an appeal by Mr B B A against the immediate revocation of his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence following the receipt of complaints and the issuing of three written warnings and a verbal warning.

The appellant was in attendance together with his representative Mr S A (Solicitor) who gave evidence in support of his appeal. Mr B B A also submitted character references in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented the Panel determined that the driver had presented no extenuating circumstances to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions. It felt that the Licensing Service had presented sufficient evidence to show that the appellant was not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence or ensure the safety of the travelling public of Barnsley.

The appeal by Mr B B A was dismissed.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.