

## **NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL**

**19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

- 1 Present:** Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), Clarke and Richardson together with Councillor Tattersall (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.

**3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Determination – Mr S H**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation requesting Members to determine the renewal of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr S H.

Consideration of the application had been deferred from a meeting scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 as the driver's representative was unable to be present due to a prior commitment.

The driver was in attendance together with his representative Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) who gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the evidence presented together with the representations made the Panel determined that in view of the extenuating circumstances presented, including an acceptance and admission at the meeting that he had been responsible for the breaches of Licensing Conditions and the admission of ignorance and stupidity, there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions. The Licence was, therefore, renewed but subject to the following:

- The issuing of a Final Written Warning (which will be kept on file as to the driver's future conduct); and
- A review in 6 months time

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.