

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

**4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

- 1 Present:** Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), Hampson and Tattersall

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 – Application – Mr S B**

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

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

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that in view of all that evidence and, taking account of the manner in which he presented himself, the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and that the application be granted until 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 on the following grounds:

- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions in relation to migrant workers
- Whilst resident in his country of origin he had confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- He had lived in the UK for approximately 15 years, had held various positions of employment and had undertaken courses of study at College as demonstrated by the presentation of Certificates of achievement
- The Enhanced DBS check had come back clear since he had come into the UK in 2002
- The Panel was comforted at the applicants good command of the English language

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017**

- 4. Present:** Councillors C Wraith MBE (Chair), Cherryholme and Sixsmith MBE together with Councillor Saunders (Reserve Member) (Councillor Saunders left the meeting prior to the commencement of Minute 8)

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

**5 Declarations of Interests**

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

## **6 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr M G**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr M G.

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

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that in view of all that evidence and, taking account of the manner in which he presented himself, the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and that the application be granted on the following grounds but subject to review in 6 months' time:

- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions in relation to migrant workers
- Whilst resident in his country of origin he had confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- Other than the three driving offences listed on his Enhanced DBS check in 2008, his DBS check had come back clear
- He had passed his UK Driving Test and his UK driving licence was clear
- He had lived in the UK for approximately 14 years, had held various positions of employment and had undertaken courses of study at College

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

## **7 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Determination – Mr M K**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr M K.

The applicant was in attendance together with his wife Mrs K who gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel decided that in view of all that evidence and, taking account of the manner in which he presented himself, the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and that the application be granted on the following grounds:

- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions in relation to migrant workers
- Whilst resident in his country of origin he had confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- He had lived in the UK for approximately 14 years, had held various positions of employment and had undertaken courses of study at the Open University
- The Enhanced DBS check had come back clear since he had come into the UK

- The Panel was comforted at the applicants exceptionally good command of the English language

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

## **8 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Determination – Mr R F**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation requesting the determination of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr R F.

The driver was in attendance together with Mr D W (Licensing Consultant) and Mr M C (Chair of the Hackney Association). Also in attendance, with the consent of the driver and the Panel Members, was Ms C B (student on placement with Mr D W).

The Service Director Culture, Housing and Regulation did not finish giving evidence in its entirety given that it emerged that there was more evidence to present as part of the case that was not included within the original report.

The meeting was, therefore, adjourned pending a fresh hearing.