

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

**21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), Danforth and Tattersall together with Councillor Clarke (Reserve Member) (Councillor Clarke left the meeting prior to the commencement of item 2 as the applicant raised no objections to the Panel and no members had expressed any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest).

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

### **1 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

### **2 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr S L S**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr S L S.

Mr S L S attended the meeting virtually and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel determined that the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr S L S be approved as there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- The time that had elapsed since the last offence was committed, which was over 30 years ago, and the minimum penalties given to him in relation to those offences
- The fact that three of the offences were committed whilst he was a very young man
- His previous employment history
- The fact that he had provided sufficient extenuating circumstances to convince the Panel that he was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

**1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), Clarke and Tattersall together with Councillor McCarthy (Reserve Member).

### **3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application – Mr R C**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services on an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr R C.

Mr R C attended the meeting virtually and gave evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel determined that the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr R C be approved as there was sufficient justification for the granting of a licence on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- His explanation of the circumstances surrounding his prosecution for a very serious offence for which he was found not guilty due to insufficient evidence
- The time that had elapsed since the prosecution during which time he had no offences recorded against him
- The confirmation that he had held a licence issued by:
  - Wakefield MDC since 2014 and that he had been subject to no complaints of warnings during that time
  - Kirklees MBC since 2013
- The production of a character reference for the five months that he had recently spent outside the country and the submission of other references with his application form
- His previous employment history
- The fact that he had provided sufficient extenuating circumstances to convince the Panel that he was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence

The decision of the Panel was not unanimous.