

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

**6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), Kitching and Shepherd together with Councillor P Birkinshaw (Reserve Member).

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 R B**

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 B.

Mr R B attended the meeting virtually and gave evidence in support of his case. He also submitted, via the video link, documentary evidence that he possessed a Firearms Certificate and a Shotgun licence and confirmed that he had held these for over 10 years.

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 B 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
- His explanation of the circumstances surrounding the offences and the genuine remorse shown at the offences committed
- The confirmation that he was a changed person and the assurance he gave that those types of offences would not occur again
- The time that had elapsed since the last offence
- The issuing of a Firearms Certificate and a Shotgun Licence, which he had held for over 10 years, which gave reassurance to the Panel as to his character and personal behaviour
- The personal references submitted
- That 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), Eastwood and Lodge.

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

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 M M.

Mr M M 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 M M be approved as he was deemed to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence on the following grounds:

- The manner in which he presented himself
- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy for Criminal Convictions in relation to Migrant Workers
- He entered the country as an asylum seeker in 2017, he became a naturalised citizen in 2018 and as such had the right to live and work in the UK
- His excellent command of the English language
- His confirmation that he had worked as a taxi driver in his country of origin for a short period, had run his own business and worked within the construction sector
- He held a position of employment in the UK and had undertaken an electrical installation course in Sheffield
- Whilst resident in his country of origin, he confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- The excellent references provided
- The Enhanced DBS check had come back clear and had been since he entered the UK

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.