

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

**12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

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

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

### **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 – Determination – Mr A R M**

The Panel considered a report of the Service Director Legal Services requesting the determination of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by Mr A R M.

Mr A R M attended the meeting virtually and gave evidence in support of his case. He also submitted video evidence in support of his case.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel determined that there was sufficient justification for Mr A R M to be allowed to retain his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to:

- Him being issued with a Written Warning which will be kept on file for 12 months as to his future conduct
- Him being required to undertake a Council approved Safeguarding Course at the earliest opportunity possible (once they become available) and at his own expense

The decision was made on the following

- The manner in which he presented himself and his acceptance that he displayed unacceptable behaviour which constitute a safeguarding concern
- The explanation of the circumstances surrounding the incidents
- The genuine remorse shown at the incidents and the assurance given that such incidents would not occur again
- The fact that no complaints had been received about his driving or conduct since he became a licenced driver in 2017
- 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.