NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

1st June, 2021

Present: Councillors Green (Chair), Danforth and Eastwood.

Members of the Public and Press were excluded from these 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 A T

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 A T.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel determined that the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence 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 2015 and had been granted indefinite leave to remain 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 in the UK and had dealt with members of the public
- Whilst resident in his country of origin, he confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him
- The 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.

29th June, 2021

Present: Councillors Green (Chair), Clarke and Tattersall together Councillor Wray (Reserve Member).

3 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – Application - Mr L 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 L M.

After considering all the information and representations made the Panel determined that the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence 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
- The explanation of the circumstances surrounding the offences and the genuine remorse shown at the offences committed
- Whilst the Panel was disappointed that he failed to declare the convictions on the application form, Members noted and accepted his confirmation that he was a changed person and the assurance he gave that these types of offences would not occur again
- The time that had elapsed since the last offence
- His employment history and particularly working with the public as a bus driver
- 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.