

NOTES OF GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANELS

7th February 2023

Present: Councillors Green (Chair), Clarke and Markham together with Councillor Hunt (Reserve Member)

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

1. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence – Application – Mr M S

The Panel was asked to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence by Mr M S.

Mr M S was in attendance at the meeting. After considering all the evidence presented together with the information provided, the Panel determined that the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be refused on the following grounds:-

- Whilst the applicant was naturalized in 2016 and therefore has the right to both live and work in the UK, there was a lack of evidence confirming whether or not he has any known convictions, cautions or warnings recorded against him. The Home Office was unable to confirm his conduct or character during his time spent as a resident in Iran, as such information requests were forbidden in respect of those claiming asylum, due to the nature of their circumstances.
- The Panel had concerns in relation to his English language skills and his ability to understand and communicate with customers as a licensed driver.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

15th March 2023

Present: Councillors Green (Chair), Markham and Osborne together with Councillor Bowser (Reserve Member)

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

1. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence – Determination – Mr Z W

The Panel was asked to determine the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence held by Mr Z W.

Mr Z W was in attendance at the meeting. After considering all the evidence presented together with the information provided, the Panel determined that Mr Z W's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked on the following grounds:-

- His actions had been contrary to the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022 with particular regard to charging excessive amounts for journeys, both before the journey starts and during the journey when the passengers were in a vulnerable state under the effects of alcohol.
- The Panel was particularly concerned with a member of the public having being asked to leave the vehicle and being left in Fitzwilliam in a vulnerable position which the Panel considered a serious safeguarding issue.
- Officers had also received complaints in relation to Mr Z W's behaviour and conduct when dealing with passengers and the subsequent issues that this causes within the taxi rank queue.
- The number and severity of the allegations and the pattern of behaviour which fell short of the required fit and proper standards.
- His lack of remorse shown, or inability to provide a sufficient explanation of his behaviour.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.