

NOTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD PANEL

27 June 2023

Present: Councillors Green (Chair), Clarke and Cherryholme together with Councillor Eastwood (Reserve Member)

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

1. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - Application - Mr D N

The Panel was asked to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr D N.

Mr D N was in attendance at the meeting. After considering all the evidence presented and taking account of the manner in which Mr D N had presented himself, the Panel determined that the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted on the following grounds:-

- There was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy in relation to Criminal Convictions in relation to migrant workers.
- Mr D N was naturalized in 2018 and he has the right to both live and work in the UK.
- Whilst resident in his country of origin, Mr D N confirmed that he had no criminal convictions recorded against him.
- The results of the Enhanced DBS check has come back clear, and has remained clear since Mr D N had entered the UK.
- It was noted that Mr D N had a good command of the English language.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.

2. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - Application - Mr M R

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

Mr M R was in attendance at the meeting with his legal representative, who gave evidence in support of his case. After considering all the evidence presented and taking account of the manner in which Mr M R had presented himself, the Panel determined that the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted on the following grounds:-

- The Panel noted that Mr M R had 3 convictions of violence related offences, which placed him outside the Council's guideline policy for convictions.
- Although the date of Mr M R's last conviction was on 6 November 2020, which is not in line with Section 4.31 of the Council's policy which states that where an applicant has a conviction for an offence of violence, or connected with any offence of violence, a licence will not be granted until at least 10 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed, Members considered that there was sufficient justification to warrant a deviation from the Council's Guideline Policy.
- The Panel believed that Mr M R had been open and honest about his convictions and they accepted his explanation as to the circumstances surrounding them.
- The Panel noted the charitable work that Mr M R continued to provide to the community, which reassured them of his good character.

The decision of the Panel was unanimous.