

MINUTES OF	GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE PANEL
MEETING DATE	Thursday, 8 August 2019
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Councillors Renee Blow (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Jacky Alty, Jane Bell, Jacqui Mort and John Rainsbury
OFFICERS:	Mark Marshall (Head of Licensing), Tasneem Safdar (Senior Solicitor) and Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer)
OTHER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:	Chris Ward (Licensing Officer)
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14 Apologies for absence

None.

15 Declarations of Any Interest

None.

16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

By Virtue of Paragraph 1: Information relating to any individual.

17 Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The panel received a report which detailed an application for a new Hackney Carriage Licence. The application was brought before the panel as the applicant had provided a DBS certificate showing one caution for possession of a controlled drug.

The Chair referred those present to the circulated established procedure for hearings and the process that would be followed.

The applicant was present at the hearing and made representations, explaining to the panel that he had accepted the caution as the drug was found in his bag, albeit his friends property.

Representations were also received from the Council's Head of Licensing who explained that the applicant had been a licenced driver with the authority between 2008 to 2011 and there were no issues during this period.

In reaching their decision the panel took into account the Convictions Policy, specifically paragraphs 10.1, 10.5 and 18.1.

The panel were of the view that the applicant was of previous good character until the caution and that he did not pose a threat to the public. The panel were of the view that the circumstances were such which were exceptional and would allow them to depart from the policy.

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

The panel agreed to grant the licence on the basis that they were of the view that on the balance of probabilities, the applicant is a fit and proper person.

Chair

Date