

Present: Councillor Pat Vaughan (*in the Chair*),
Councillor Loraine Woolley, Councillor Alan Briggs,
Councillor David Clarkson and Councillor
Adrianna McNulty

Apologies for Absence: None.

62. Confirmation of Minutes - 6 October 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 be confirmed.

63. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

64. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

65. To Interview an Applicant who has Previously had a Private Hire Drivers Licence Revoked - Item Number: 01/2023

The Licensing Officer:

- a) stated that in September 2022 the applicant applied for a new Private Hire Drivers Licence
- b) highlighted that the applicant had previously held a Private Hire Drivers Licence from February 2018 until March 2020 when his licence was revoked by the sub-committee
- c) explained that a new DBS check was requested which confirmed that the applicant had a clean criminal record and DVLA check which revealed that the applicant had no valid criminal endorsements
- d) the applicant was required to complete a knowledge test and DIP test, both of which he passed on his first attempt.

The applicant confirmed to the Sub-Committee that he had been told in a letter that he could take legal advice about this matter and also that he could bring an interpreter to the hearing, however had chosen to come alone. The Sub-Committee asked the applicant the appropriate questions in relation to the revocation of his licence and received relevant responses.

The Decision was made as follows:

That the Licence be granted.

Reasons for the Decision:

- The Sub-Committee believed that the applicant was genuinely remorseful for his previous actions and had learnt his lesson.
- The references received for the applicant were extremely complimentary.
- The applicant understood the need and importance on having the correct insurance and that any conviction/offence needed to be reported to the Licensing Team as soon as possible.