

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Adrianna McNulty

23. Confirmation of Minutes - 28 October 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2021 be confirmed.

24. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

25. 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.

26. To Interview an Applicant for a Private Hire Driver's Licence who is Unable to Provide a Certificate of Good Conduct - item No: 09/2021

The Licensing Officer:

- a) stated that the applicant applied for a new Private Hire Drivers Licence in August 2021
- b) explained that the applicant was unable to provide the Licensing Team with a certificate of good conduct from where he was originally from
- c) highlighted that the applicant came to the UK in October 2011 and had held a UK driving licence since January 2017
- d) highlighted that the applicant passed the knowledge test on his first attempt scoring 8 out of 10 as well as achieving a low risk on the Driver Improvement Programme

The Sub-Committee questioned the applicant and received responses from the applicant.

The Decision was made as follows:

That the applicant be granted a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

Reasons for the Decision:

1. The Sub-Committee believed that the applicant was polite and came across well.
2. The applicant scored well on his knowledge test and achieved a low risk on the Driver Improvement Programme.
3. The applicant previously had a skilled job which was impacted by COVID and he moved to Lincoln for a new start.
4. The applicant was currently working as a delivery driver, and he knew the Lincoln area well.
5. The Sub-Committee could not find any valid reasons why the applicant should be refused a private hire driver's licence.