

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor David Clarkson

**36. Confirmation of Minutes - 27 January 2022**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 be confirmed.

**37. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**38. 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.

**39. To Interview An Applicant For A Private Hire Driver's License Who Is Unable To Provide A Certificate Of Good Conduct**

The Licensing Officer:

- a) stated that the applicant applied for a new Private Hire Drivers Licence in November 2021
- b) explained that the applicant was unable to provide the Licensing Team with a certificate of good conduct from Afghanistan where he was originally from
- c) highlighted that a DBS check was requested and upon its return showed one conviction
- d) highlighted that the applicant had held a full UK driving licence since March 2013 and currently had no penalty points
- e) explained that the applicant passed the knowledge test on his second attempt and scored 8 out of 10 as well as passing the Driver Improvement Programme on his first attempt

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.

Reason for the Decision:

The applicant was born in a country from which officers understood it to be difficult to obtain certificates of good conduct. The results of the Council's usual checks and the evidence provided by the applicant as to his suitability to become a private hire vehicle driver satisfied the Sub-Committee that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.