

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

3 NOVEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)
Councillors Jacobsen and Robson

1 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

2 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE MATTERS

RESOLVED – That the following matters be dealt with as indicated:

(1) Application 1

The Sub Committee considered an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licence. Members noted that the applicant's DBS indicated a number of convictions. The convictions had taken place between 2001 and 2002. The Sub Committee received representations from the applicant. The applicant stated that the offences were committed over a short period during his youth. A number offences were committed whilst under the influence of alcohol. Members were advised that the applicant regretted his behaviour at the time. He was now married with 3 children and he has been conviction free for over 18 years. A full employment history was provided.

RESOLVED – That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence be granted.

(2) Application 2

The Sub Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence. Members were advised that the applicant formerly held a licence, but the licence was revoked following convictions, one of which related to an offence involving violence. The Sub Committee received representations from the applicant. The applicant explained the circumstances which resulted in the convictions. Members also asked the applicant to comment on a recent speeding offence.

RESOLVED – That the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver licence be refused as the Sub Committee did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person. Members considered that the application should be refused in accordance with the Sub Committee guidelines relating to previous convictions.

(3) Application 3

The Sub Committee received representations from an applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drivers licence. The applicant has a number of convictions for offences committed between 2009 and 2013. Members were advised that the offences were committed during a turbulent period after the applicant had lost both his parents and was homeless. The applicant was now

settled. He had been employed as a delivery driver and was currently working in a warehouse. The applicant indicated that he was free from driving convictions. However, Members noted that the applicant had received 3 driving penalty points for contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations. When asked to comment the applicant indicated that he had overtaken another vehicle on a pedestrian crossing whilst responding to a family emergency.

RESOLVED – That the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver licence be refused as the Sub Committee did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person. Members considered that the application should be refused in accordance with the Sub Committee guidelines relating to previous convictions.

(4) Application 4

The Sub Committee considered an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire drivers licence. Members were advised that the applicant was convicted of an offence involving violence during 2014. The applicant explained the circumstances resulting in the conviction. Members were advised that whilst working in a shop the applicant was attacked. The assailant used a bottle to injure the applicant. The applicant punched his attacker in self-defence. The applicant stated that he received legal advice to accept a guilty plea. However, he had not been living in the country for long at that time and he did not fully understand the implications. The applicant stated that he has been employed since the conviction. He had no prior convictions or further convictions.

RESOLVED – That the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver licence be refused as the Sub Committee did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person. Members considered that the application should be refused in accordance with the Sub Committee guidelines relating to previous convictions.

The meeting terminated at 3.30 pm