

## PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

1 MARCH 2022

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)  
Councillors Goddard and Lancaster

### 1 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The following item is confidential and exempt from publication as it contains exempt information of the description contained in paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The public may be excluded from the meeting by resolution of the Committee pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussion of this item.

### 2 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE MATTERS

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

#### (1) Case 1

The Sub Committee received representations from a driver who had received a police caution for carrying a bladed instrument in a public place. Members were advised that the applicant had visited the Citizens Advice service. He was searched by door security on the way in to his appointment and handed over all the possessions he was carrying. Police were called as there was a pen knife on his keyring. The driver stated that he used the pen knife to peel and eat fruit. He was unaware that it was an offence to carry such an item.

No further action.

#### (2) Case 2

The Sub Committee considered an application for a licence. Member were advised that the applicant was charged with an offence of affray in 2015. The driver explained the circumstances. He was visiting a relative in Chelmsford when a large fight broke out. The applicant stated that he was now married with two children. He no longer drinks alcohol. He was unaware that he needed to declare his conviction on his application form as he considered the conviction to be spent.

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

#### (3) Case 3

The Sub Committee considered an application for a licence. The applicant did not attend. Members were advised that the applicant had been disqualified from driving after accruing penalty points on his DVLA licence for 5 driving offences.

RESOLVED – That the application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers licence be refused as the Sub Committee did not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

The meeting terminated at 3.30 pm