

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (REGULATORY)

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory) held on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at the Council Chamber - Council Offices at 10.00 am

Committee	Cllr P Fisher (Chairman)
Members Present:	Cllr M Batey Cllr P Porter
Members also attending:	Cllr L Withington
Officers in Attendance:	Legal Advisor (LA) Licensing Enforcement Officer (LEO) Democratic Services Officer -Regulatory

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.

5 (WK/230001700) – APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN NORTH NORFOLK

Present: Licence Applicant

The Chairman, Members of the Panel and Officers introduced themselves.

The LA outlined the purpose of the hearing and explained the procedure for the meeting.

The LEO presented their report which related to an application for a 'Licence to Drive Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicles in North Norfolk'. A Disclosure Barring Service report had subsequently been received in respect of the applicant, which contained details about the applicant which merited further consideration.

Members asked the Applicant about his disclosure and his suitability to be a taxi driver.

The Applicant expressed regret for the event which occurred over 20 years prior resulting in his disclosure and detailed the circumstances around his offence. Regarding his character, the Applicant stated in the years since his conviction, he had subsequently become a foster carer and worked within the mental health sector. He discussed the veracity of checks these services had undertaken when assessing his suitability.

The LA confirmed that the foster system would have a stringent process for checking applicants.

The Applicant explained his interest in being a taxi driver and why he was suitable for the role.

Having considered relevant written and oral evidence before it, the Sub-Committee deemed that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence.

RESOLVED

That the licence be GRANTED.

The meeting ended at 10.47 am.

Chairman