

# HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in the GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOMS, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 19 March 2024

PRESENT: Councillor B S Banks – Chair.

Councillors M L Beuttell, J Clarke and P A Jordan.

## **13 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 16th March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **14 MEMBERS INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

## **15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

## **16 LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE**

The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee's Procedure was received and noted.

## **17 CONVICTIONS GUIDANCE**

The Council's Guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions was received and noted.

## **18 REVIEW OF A NEW APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

With the assistance of a report by the Licensing Team (a copy of which is appended in the annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered an application from Mr MQ which had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration and determination.

Following an introduction by the Licensing Officer, Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this application.

Mr MQ was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and took the opportunity to outline the reasons he felt he should be granted a Private Hire Licence. Following questions from Members he then left the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their determination.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application, the information within the committee report and appendices together with the submission and responses given by the applicant. The Sub-Committee also considered the District Council's guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of licence, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance, conditions of licensing and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence be refused as the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

The Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

Chair