

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Tuesday, 6 December 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Anna Bradnam – Chair

Councillors: Corinne Garvie Dr John Loveluck

Officers: John Goodwin Regulatory Support Officer
Paul Weller Legal Adviser

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor .

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public

3. Introductions / Procedure

4. Appeal against the refusal of a Private Hire Driver licence

The Sub-Committee decided on the balance of probabilities it was reasonable to approve the **Refusal** of the Private Hire Driver Licence.

The Sub-Committee made its decision for the following reasons:

- The Sub-Committee found that the applicant in completing their application form had been inaccurate. They had failed to disclose relevant information in that they did not confirm they had previously held a licence.
- They did not confirm that the licence had been revoked.
- The Sub-Committee did not accept the explanation that this was accidental, bearing in mind that all other questions were answered correctly, and the applicant signed a declaration to say all the information provided on the form was accurate.
- The policy says clearly that ‘any dishonesty by any applicant... which is discovered to have occurred in any part of the application process will result in a licence being refused.’
- The applicant would have known of this requirement for many years, having been licenced by both South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. The letter from City Council referred to the fact that the applicant had been a taxi

driver for more than 20 years. Thus, the applicant would have known of this requirement, to declare previous licences and revocations.

- The Sub-Committee acknowledged the applicant had attended an Anger Management course but when asked about anger management issues they were unable to satisfy the Sub-Committee that this would have changed their behaviour to the travelling public.

The Meeting ended at 12.50 p.m.
