

## South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on  
Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at 11:15. a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya – Chair

Councillors: Corinne Garvie Sunita Hansraj

Officers: John Goodwin Regulatory Support Officer  
Paul Weller Legal Adviser  
Jonathan Malton Cabinet Support Officer  
Natasha Wade-Guest Licensing Technical Support Officer  
(Observer)

### 1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Exclusion of Press and Public

The press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act).

### 3. Introductions / Procedure

The Chair of the Sub-Committee welcomed those present and introduced him/herself; the remaining members of the Sub-Committee and the officers then introduced themselves.

### 4. Fit and proper status to hold a Private Hire Driver licence

The Sub-Committee decided on the balance of probabilities it was approved the **refusal** of the Private Hire Driver Licence to the appellant.

In making its decision the sub-committee considered the following:

- Statutory provisions: S51,61 & 77 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976
- Statutory taxi and private hire vehicle standards issued by the Department of Transport in July 2020
- South Cambridgeshire District Council Private Hire and Taxi Policy
- Report of the Licensing Officer
- Advice from the Council's legal adviser
- Evidence as referred to above.

The sub-committee made the decision based for the following reasons:

- The appellant failed to complete the application correctly, despite the form clearly stating the applicant must declare every conviction in that they failed to declare they had been issued with one caution and two convictions.
  - The South Cambridgeshire District Council Previous Convictions Policy states the following under sections 1, 2 & 5, Paragraph 1b (General) – Any dishonesty by any applicant or other person on the applicant's behalf which is discovered to have occurred in any part of any application process (e.g., failure to declare convictions, false names or addresses, falsified references) will result in a licence being refused, or if already granted, revoked; and may result in prosecution.

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**The Meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.**

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