

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Sandford – Chair

Councillors: Sunita Hansraj Eileen Wilson

Officers: Natasha Wade -Guest Senior Licensing Technical Officer
Felicity Goldsbrough Litigation Lawyer
Rachel Jackson Principal Licensing Officer
Aaron Clarke Democratic Services Technical Officer

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 introduced panel members and officers and explained the procedure for the hearing.

4. Referral to consider the grant of a Private Hire Driver licence

The sub-committee heard representations from the appellant and Licensing Officer, based on the written report.

The Sub-Committee panel decided on the balance of probabilities to **approve the refusal** of the Private Hire Driver Licence.

Reasons:

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 its decision for the following reasons:

- It was very carefully considered and given the lack of evidence before them, the Committee panel found that on the balance of probabilities there was not enough information to find the appellant a fit and proper person.

The Meeting ended at 12.40 p.m.
