

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Anna Bradnam – Chair

Councillors: Jose Hales Mark Howell

Officers: John Goodwin Regulatory Support Officer
Paul Weller Legal Adviser
Aaron Clarke Democratic Services 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**

4. **Appeal against Penalty Points issued to a Private Hire Driver licence**

The sub-committee heard representations from the licence holder and Licensing Officer.

The Sub-Committee decided on the balance of probabilities to **take no action**, thereby approving the issuing of penalty points on the Private Hire 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 Enforcement Officer
- Advice from the Council's legal adviser
- Evidence as referred to above.

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

- The appellant had parked in a Hackney Carriage Rank on 29 August 2021 and any breach of the legislation is the responsibility of the driver.
- In making their decision the Sub-Committee disregarded the incident of 7 May 2016 at Bridge Street as the appellant maintained that he had no knowledge of this incident.