

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Thursday, 24 February 2022 at 8.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mark Howell – Chair

Councillors: Jose Hales Geoff Harvey

Officers: Brooke O'Neil Licensing Technical 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 the refusal of 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 **approve** the refusal of the grant of a private hire licence to the appellant.

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:

- The appellant was sanctioned by another Licensing Authority for using an unlicensed vehicle as a private hire vehicle without a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.
- No persuasive reasons were put forward by the driver to depart from the South Cambridgeshire District Council policy.
- The Sub-Committee decided that on the balance of probabilities and on the information available to them, that the appellant was not a fit and proper person to hold a South Cambridgeshire Private Hire Driver Licence.