

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Wednesday, 20 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mark Howell – Chair

Councillors: Jose Hales Eileen Wilson

Officers: Jonathan Malton Cabinet Support Officer
Brooke O'Neill Licensing Technical Officer
Paul Weller Legal Adviser

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 **grant** the 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 had a clean of character since the caution in 2009
- The Sub-Committee took the view that had the caution been declared by the appellant, then sufficient time would have elapsed from the date of the caution for the licence to have been granted