South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 at 8.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Fane - Chair

Councillors: Peter Sandford Sue Ellington

Officers: Paul Weller Legal Adviser

Brooke O'Neil Licensing Technical Officer

Rachel Jackson Principal Licensing Officer (Virtually present)

Aaron Clarke Democratic Services Officer Keira Mbye Democratic Services Officer

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests to declare.

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 to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

The Sub-Committee decided on the balance of probabilities it was reasonable to **grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence** to the appellant.

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

- The vehicle had been previously licenced with South Cambridgeshire District Council but the licence had been allowed to expire.
- The vehicle had been taken off the road due to lack of demand during covid and had been sitting idle.
- The appellant had been involved in a crash of no fault of his own, which resulted in his previous licenced vehicle being taken off the road.
- The vehicle only exceeded the time limit allowed in policy by a few months.
- The panel was minded to accept the explanation from the appellant as to why the situation had arisen.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 a.m.