

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Wednesday, 10 August 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter McDonald – Chair

Councillors: Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya Stephen Drew

Officers:	Paul Weller	Legal Adviser
	John Goodwin	Regulatory Support 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 revocation of a Private Hire Driver licence

The Sub-Committee decided on the balance of probabilities to **Revoke the Licence** to the appellant.

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 subcommittee could not verify the statement contained in the email on 20th May 2021, appendix E which contained no evidence of the friend who was to be picked up.

- The subcommittee did not accept the explanation put forward by the appellant of the events that occurred on that day of picking up the wrong person and how he knew where to drop the customer off. The subcommittee were also concerned that the appellant failed to ask any questions of the friend.
- The subcommittee was concerned why he wished to surrender his licences the next day after the alleged incidents. The subcommittee believed the appellant was concerned the incident would be reported to the licencing authority and therefore sought to surrender each of his licences.
- The subcommittee accepted the statement of the complainant that he believed he was being picked up by an executive vehicle and therefore questioned why the executive plate was not available in the glove box which encouraged him to ask for the appellant's licence.

The Meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.
