

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee held on
Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Sandford – Chair

Councillors: Corinne Garvie Dr Lisa Redrup

Officers: Paul Weller Legal Adviser
John Goodwin Regulatory Support Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor .

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests.

2. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The report contained information which the officer recommended should be exempt from publication and also that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the appeal, 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 of the Act).

3. **Introductions / Procedure**

The Chair of the Sub-Committee welcomed those present and introduced him/herself; the remaining members of the Sub-Committee and the officers then introduced themselves.

4. **Fit and proper status to hold a Private Hire Driver licence**

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

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

- The Sub-Committee noted that almost seven years had elapsed since the end of the custodial sentence and that it was proportionate in those circumstances to allow the application to proceed.
- It was explained that they had been driving a minibus for a number of years with the appropriate licence and there were no recorded incidences that had been brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee.
- No further criminal convictions had been recorded since November 2013.
- There had only been one minor motoring offence that they were not obliged to disclose because it occurred sometime before his application.
- The Sub-Committee did not take into account the personal circumstances, particularly the drivers concern that their workload as a minibus driver would diminish in the Winter.

The Meeting ended at 12.10 p.m.
