

Record of Decision

Licensing Sub Committee

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, 5 November 2024

Members: Councillors D Oliver (Chairman), P Hicks and P Murphy

In Attendance: Councillor N Meekins (Substitute)

DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence whereby the applicant has a conviction for a violent offence dated 2 June 2015 for which a sentence of a community order, costs and compensation were issued.

The Sub-Committee heard from the applicant in support of his application.

The Sub-Committee referred to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy at Appendix B under the heading "Relevance of convictions and cautions – Violent Offences"; it states:

An application will normally be refused where the applicant has a conviction for a violent offence, unless there has been a period of five years to ten years free of conviction. The length of period over and above the minimum five years will be dependent on factors such as the nature and severity of the offence and the length of any custodial sentence – the licence application will be referred to this committee.

The Sub-Committee referred to the Council's own Taxi Licensing Policy and the statutory Government guidance, in particular the paragraphs referring to fit and proper to consider if the applicant is fit and proper to hold the licence applied for.

Our decision is as follows:-

The Licensing Sub-Committee decided that, given the passage of time since the conviction and the lack of conviction since, the applicant is considered fit and proper to hold the licence applied for and **APPROVED** the application.

PLEASE NOTE

Any person aggrieved by this decision can apply to appeal the decision within 21 days by making a complaint to:

Peterborough, Huntingdon and Fenland Magistrates Court
The Court House
Bridge Street
Peterborough
PE1 1ED

There may be a fee to pay.