

Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 13 February 2020

Present: Councillor J Stirling (Chair)
Councillors J Allan and C Davis

Apologies: Councillors J O'Shea

RQ61/19 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ62/19 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that the exclusion resolution be passed.

RQ63/19 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence application (appeal) - Mr F

The Committee received a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr F against the decision of the Authority to refuse to grant his Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that it was not satisfied that he was a fit and proper person to hold this licence.

Mr F attended the meeting.

A Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included information on Mr F's application, his criminal and licensing record with the Authority and the reason for the refusal. The appeal form was included in the papers.

Mr F and the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr F then addressed the Committee. The Licensing officer and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr F.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr L, both parties left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were to:

- a) Uphold the appeal and agree to grant the licence; or
- b) Dismiss the appeal and refuse to grant the licence.

The Committee considered that it was an established principle that a licence was a privilege and not a right and its main concern was the need to maintain high standards amongst

licensed drivers and to ensure the protection of the travelling public.

Resolved that Mr F's appeal be dismissed and his application for a Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's be refused on the grounds the Committee was not satisfied that he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

**RQ64/19 Private Hire Operator's Licence and Hackney Carriage/Private Hire
Driver's Licence (referral) - Mr P**

The Committee was informed that this case had been withdrawn.