

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD BY TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT

County Councillor D H Williams (Chair)

County Councillors L George and G E Jones

1.	RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS
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RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paragraphs 12 and 18 of Schedule 12a Part 7 of the above Act in respect of the following item[s].

2.	APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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2.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

2.2. Application for a licence JD/01/23

In attendance:

Applicant – JD/01/13

Ms D – character witness

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority’s position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. The Sub-committee noted the written statement provided by a character witness.

The applicant explained that in June 2020 he was travelling in an old tractor at about 15 miles per hour and had picked up his mobile phone to check the time. He was seen by the police and given a fixed penalty fine and points on his licence. He advised he regretted doing this.

Ms D provided a verbal character reference, having known the applicant for 20 years and advised that she considered him a fit and proper person to hold a taxi license.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Chair thanked all for attending. The applicant, Ms D, the Licensing Officer and Democratic Services Officer left the meeting. The Sub-Committee considered, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
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That the application JD/01/2023 for a joint hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licence be granted.

That the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence. The Sub-Committee considered that there were exceptional circumstances allowing them to grant the joint licences: the circumstances surrounding the commission of the road traffic offence; the time when the offence was committed (during first lock-down) and the excellent character references.

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