

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HOUSING SERVICES	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	12 th JULY 2023	4
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE COMBINED DRIVERS LICENCE – MR SS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Following an application made to Licensing Team for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, the Committee is requested to consider the application and determine if they consider the applicant fit and proper to hold such a licence.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee consider the report and determine the application.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There are no previous decisions relating to this matter.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy community	
Environment – to deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	

REPORT

1. An application has been received from Mr SS for the grant of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence.
2. In accordance with the standard procedure for all applications, the applicant was requested to submit a Disclosure obtained through the Disclosure and Barring Service and undergo a medical examination.
3. The Disclosure has revealed a number of convictions between 2009 and 2015, further information relating to which will be provided to members at the meeting.
4. 2 out of 15 convictions were declared by the applicant on his application form for a drivers badge.

5. Section 59 (1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that, “a district council shall not grant a licence to drive a hackney carriage ... unless they are satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver’s licence.”

6. Section 51 (1)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that, “a district council shall not grant a licence to drive a private hire vehicle unless they are satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver’s licence.”

7. Appendix A of the Council’s Statement of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, concerning the Relevance of Convictions to Applications is attached for members information and use.

8. The applicant has been invited to attend the hearing and the Committee is therefore asked to determine the application.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No further implications arising directly from this report
Legal	No further implications arising directly from this report
Community Safety	No further implications arising directly from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No further implications arising directly from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No further implications arising directly from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No further implications arising directly from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Fylde Council Taxi and private hire licensing policy		https://new.fylde.gov.uk/business/licensing/taxi-licensing/hackney-carriage-and-private-hire-licensing-policy/

Attached documents

Appendix A of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy