

DECISION ITEM



| REPORT OF | MEETING | DATE | ITEM NO |
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| RESOURCES DIRECTORATE | PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE | 27 NOVEMBER 2015 | 4 |

APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - DCH

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

Following an application made to the Licensing Team for the grant of a 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 considers the report and determines the application.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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| To Promote the Enhancement of The Natural & Built Environment (Place) | | To Encourage Cohesive Communities (People) | |
| To Promote a Thriving Economy (Prosperity) | | To Meet Expectations of our Customers (Performance) | ✓ |

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There are no previous decisions relating to this application.

REPORT

1. An application has been made by DCH for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's licence.
2. In accordance with the standard procedure for all applications, the applicant was requested to submit a Criminal Records Bureau check and undergo a medical examination.
3. The applicant declared a conviction from 2011, which has been confirmed on the Disclosure Certificate. In those circumstances, an application is referred to the committee rather than being dealt with under officers' delegated powers. Details of the conviction will be provided at the meeting.
4. 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."
5. Appendix F of the Council's Statement of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, which was current at the time of application, concerning the 'Relevance of Convictions to Applications' is attached for member's information and use.
6. The applicant has been invited to attend the hearing to assist the committee and the committee is therefore asked to determine the application.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | There are no implications arising directly from the report. |
| Legal | The Committee should have regard to the requirements of fairness and proportionality and to the European Convention on Human Rights in reaching its decision. Where the council has adopted a policy which applies to a particular matter, it must take the policy into account when making its decision. Although it is not bound to follow the policy, any decision that is contrary to it should be supported and explained by clear and adequate reasons for departing from the policy. |
| Community Safety | There are no implications arising directly from the report. |
| Human Rights and Equalities | There are no implications arising directly from the report. |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | There are no implications arising directly from the report. |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | There are no implications arising directly from the report. |

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| LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy | 2006 | http://www.fylde.gov.uk/business/licensing/taxilicensing/ |

Attached documents

1. Appendix F of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy