

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	27 SEPTEMBER 2017	5
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - LPJ			

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 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

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

1. An application has been received from LJP for the grant of a 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 convictions between 1983 and 2003, further information relating to which will be provided to members at the meeting. The convictions were declared by the applicant upon the application form.

4. 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.”
5. 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.”
6. Appendix F of the Council’s Statement of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, concerning the Relevance of Convictions to Applications is attached for member’s information and use.
7. The applicant has been invited to attend the hearing and the Committee is therefore asked to determine the application.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Legal	The Committee should have regard to the requirements of fairness and proportionality in its procedures and to the European Convention on Human Rights in reaching its decision. However, the purpose of the system of driver licensing is to protect the public. If the committee considers that it should refuse the application in order to protect the public, it should not concern itself with the effect on the applicant. 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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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		

Attached documents

Appendix 1 - Appendix F of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy