

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	22 March 2023	4
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR XX			

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

18th November 2020 – Application for Combined Hackney and Private Hire Drivers licence refused by Public Protection Committee

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
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 XX for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's licence.
2. Mr XX applied for a Combined Hackney and Private Hire Drivers badge in September 2020. His application was refused by Public Protection Committee in November 2020 because of a recent conviction which he had declared on his application and was confirmed on his Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate. Further information relating to this conviction will be provided to Members at the meeting.

3. Mr XX has submitted a new Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate which has confirmed that he hasn't received any further convictions since 2019.
4. The 2019 conviction and fine were declared by the applicant on his application form for a drivers badge.
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 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.
7. 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 1 – Letters from Applicant

Appendix 2 - Appendix A of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy