

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	18 NOVEMBER 2020	4
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE – AR			

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 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 AR 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 from 1995 and 2019, further information relating to which will be provided to members at the meeting.
4. The 2019 conviction & fine 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 implications arising directly from the report.
Legal	No implications arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	No implications arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising directly from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising directly from the 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 - Appendix A of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy