

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	13 OCTOBER 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

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	
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		
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