

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Subcommittee held in Conference Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on Wednesday 05 October 2022 at 10.00 am**

PRESENT

Councillor J I Hutchinson
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS

T Cessford	C Hardy
E Chicken (Reserve)	

OFFICERS

H Bowers	Democratic Services Officer
M Bulman	Lawyer, Legal Services
H Tait	Senior Licensing Officer

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Hutchinson be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:-

(a) that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involved the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12(A) of the 1972 Act, and
(b) that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

Agenda Item 4, Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A

Ch.'s Initials.....

"information relating to any individual."

PART II

3. REPORTS OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION

Case No. 05.10.22/440

The applicant was in attendance with his wife.

Introductions were made and the Chair explained the procedure to be followed.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed members that an application had been received which officers were unable to deal with under delegated powers.

The Subcommittee was asked to consider the application and the applicant's representations along with the written and oral report of the Senior Licensing Officer and relevant law and guidance policy to determine whether or not the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence. It was stated that the burden of proof rested upon the applicant and the standard of proof was the civil standard of proof.

The applicant and his wife submitted the case in support of his application and then answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Members of the Subcommittee retired to make their decision with the legal adviser and following this the applicant was advised:-

The Subcommittee has determined to **REFUSE** your private hire driver's licence as you are not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

The Subcommittee's reasons for the decision were given verbally at the hearing and would be also provided in writing to the applicant after the hearing.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____