

**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 **Thursday, 16 February 2023** at **10.00 am**

**MEMBERS**

T Cessford  
B Gallacher

I Hutchinson (Reserve)  
K Parry

**OFFICERS**

D Bambury  
H Bowers  
T Hardy  
H Tait

Lawyer  
Democratic Services Officer  
Licensing Manager  
Senior Licensing Officer

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Cessford 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 item 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	Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
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4	Information relating to any individual.
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The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because of any information relating to any individual

## PART II

### 3. REPORTS OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION

#### Case No. 160223/443

The applicant was in attendance.

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 the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The applicant submitted the case in support of his application and 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 **GRANT** your private hire driver's licence, however, the decision was not taken lightly. The Subcommittee considered the Authority's Licensing Policy which states that motoring convictions must be considered seriously and due to those convictions, a warning was given about past conduct and the expectation that no further offences will be committed. Any further convictions will be taken seriously and may constitute a review of your licence, please also be mindful that all future convictions must be disclosed to the licensing team.