

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, 27 April 2023** at **10.00 am**

MEMBERS

T Cessford
K Parry

C Hardy
A Sharp (Reserve)

OFFICERS

H Bowers
M Bulman
T Hardy

Democratic Services Officer
Solicitor
Licensing Manager

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
4	Information relating to any individual.

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. 270423/445

The applicant was in attendance.

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

The Licensing Manager 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 determined the following:-

The Subcommittee has considered all of the evidence before it, including that you have previously held a licence between November 2015 - July 2022, and is not satisfied that you are a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

The Subcommittee reviewed an incident from May 2022 as extremely serious and is not the behaviour of a fit and proper person.

The Subcommittee is concerned regarding your comments and attitude in respect of the same and **REFUSE** your application for a private hire and hackney carriage drivers licence."

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1976 Section 52, if you are aggrieved by the decision of the Subcommittee, you have the right to appeal within 21 days to the Magistrate's Court of receipt of written notification of the decision of the Subcommittee.