

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J I Hutchinson  
(in the Chair)

**MEMBERS**

T Cessford  
C Humphrey

B Gallacher (Reserve)

**OFFICERS**

H Bowers  
M Bulman  
H Gebbie

Democratic Services Officer  
Lawyer, Legal Services  
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

"information relating to any individual."

Ch.'s Initials.....

## PART II

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

#### Case No. 28.10.21/422

The applicant was in attendance with his Legal Representative

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

Members of the Subcommittee and legal adviser retired to make their decision:-

The Subcommittee has determined to **GRANT** your private hire drivers licence and deem you to be a fit and proper person. The Subcommittee has taken into account that more than 3 years has now elapsed since your convictions for criminal damage and threatening behaviour in terms of the Council's guidelines. The Subcommittee has also taken into account that the convictions occurred from the same incident and you have no other convictions recorded against you. The Subcommittee has taken into account that previous medical issues have been resolved and that you have been granted a LGV and PCV licence by the Office of the Traffic Commissioner.

Noting that your convictions occurred from one incident, the Subcommittee hopes that there will be no repetition of any circumstances which could lead to any future police involvement which could jeopardise your fitness to hold a licence and hope that you will not appear before the committee again.

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_