



## Regulatory Subcommittee

14:00 to 14:35

19 February 2018

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Ackroyd, Brociek-Coulton and Jones (B).

Apologies: Councillor Bradford

### 1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Exclusion of public

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items \*3 and \*4 below on the grounds contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

The chair took item \*3 below first.

### **\*3. Suspension/revocation of Norwich City Council private hire drivers licence No: 1601383PHDRIV (Paragraphs 1 and 3)**

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item. He confirmed that he had been informed of his right to be legally represented at the meeting but had chosen not to be. He was unable to produce his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee but a file photocopy of the licence was examined at the meeting.)

The licensing assistant presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant confirmed that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since his convictions. He then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions as set out in Appendix A of the report.

The legal advisor to the committee clarified the matter being considered and confirmed with the licensing assistant that the committee was considering a renewal of a licence and not a suspension/ revocation.

(The applicant and the licensing officer left the meeting at this point).

Following a discussion it was –

**RESOLVED** unanimously to grant the renewal of the private drivers' licence to the applicant (application ref 1601383PHDRIV).

The applicant and the licensing officer were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above.

The applicant was informed that the committee had given due consideration to the matters before them and on balance had decided that he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence. They reminded him to read his green book carefully and report any matters to the licensing department within 7 days.

(The applicant left the meeting at this point).

**\*4. Application for grant of private hire drivers licence – Application ref: 17/01754PHDRIV (Paragraphs 1 and 3)**

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item and was supported by a friend. The applicant produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee).

The licensing assistant presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant confirmed that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since his convictions. He then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions as set out in Appendix A of the report.

The applicant apologised to the committee for his behaviour and said he was much younger when the offences had been committed and regretted his actions. He informed the committee of his personal circumstances, his reasons for applying for a private hire drivers' licence, and the steps he had taken to "turn his life around" in the last six years.

(The applicant, his friend and the licensing officer left the meeting at this point).

Following a discussion it was -

**RESOLVED** unanimously to grant the private drivers licence to the applicant (application ref 17/01754PHDRIV).

The applicant and the licensing officer were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair advised the applicant to familiarise himself with the green book carefully and report any matters to the licensing department within 7 days.

(The applicant then left the meeting.)

CHAIR