

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL**

**Wednesday, 26th August, 2015**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs J A Anderson (Chairman), Cllr H S Rogers and Cllr M Taylor

Councillors Mrs B Brown and F Tombolis were also present as observers for training purposes.

Together with representatives of the Licensing Authority.

**PART 1 - PUBLIC**

**LA 15/71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**LA 15/72 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

**RESOLVED:** That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

**PART 2 - PRIVATE**

**DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**LA 15/73 APPLICATION FOR A PROBATIONARY PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CASE NO 15/2015**

**(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 1 – Information relating to an individual)**

The Panel was invited to consider whether a Probationary Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted following the receipt of information that the Applicant had been driving a Licensed Private Hire Vehicle in advance of receipt of his Driver's Licence and Badge.

The Panel listened carefully to the representations made by the Applicant, considered in detail the matters raised in the report and sought clarification of the Licensing and Community Safety Manager of the information sought from and provided to applicants for driving licences. The Panel noted the intention to include a specific notice to

applicants that they would not be able to drive a licensed vehicle until they had received their licence and badge.

The Panel considered the “fit and proper” test to hold a driver’s licence as documented within the terms of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and

**RESOLVED:** That the Applicant be GRANTED a Probationary Private Hire Driver’s Licence for a six month period, subject to standard conditions, together with an additional condition that the Driver and his Mentor attend the Council offices for a meeting with the Licensing and Community Safety Manager after 2, 4 and 6 months and that the Driver be required to attend the Council’s Safeguarding Training.

The meeting ended at 2.47 pm  
having commenced at 2.34 pm