

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL

Wednesday, 8th May, 2024

Present: Cllr R V Roud (Chair), Cllr M A Coffin, and Cllr R W G Oliver.

Together with representatives of the Licensing Authority.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LAP 24/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LAP 24/2 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

LAP 24/3 REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVING LICENCE - CASE 001/2024

(Reasons: LGA 1972 – Sch 12A Paragraph 1 and 2 - Information relating to an individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

The Licensing and Appeals Committee, sitting as a Panel was asked to consider whether to grant a Private Hire Driver's licence, following receipt of information from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DSB).

When submitting their application, the driver had declared a conviction for Theft under the Theft Act 1968 S. 1 from April 2018. Once the DBS certificate was received, the conviction for Theft was confirmed.

The Panel listened carefully to all the driver had told them and the answers to their questions. They took into account the comments made by the driver's current employer. The Panel was impressed by the support provided by the driver's employer and were satisfied that the driver had put their previous troubles behind them and was now a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That, in respect of Case Number 001/2014, the Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted for three years and that the driver be reminded of their obligation to notify the Council of any change to their circumstances in future.

The meeting ended at 11.05 am
having commenced at 10.00 am