

## LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

At a meeting of this Committee held on  
22 September 2021

**(Present)** Councillors Barton, Bell, Dickinson, Hattersley,  
T Long, Maloney MBE, McCormack, O’Keefe, Pearl and  
Pearson, Preston, Tasker and Uddin

**(Not Present)** Councillors CD Banks and Jones

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### 17 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

- \* **Resolved that Councillor Uddin be appointed Chair of this meeting.**

Councillor Uddin here took the Chair.

### 18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors CD Banks and Jones.

### 19 **MINUTES**

- \* **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2021 be approved and signed.**

### 20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

### 21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

- \* **Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated:**

<b><u>Minute</u></b>	<b><u>Reason (under Local Government Act 1972)</u></b>
22	Information relating to an individual in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12(a).

### 22 **NEW APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER’S LICENCE (REF: MA)**

A report was presented to the Committee to consider a review of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver’s Licence (Ref: MA).

Members were informed that the new application for a hackney carriage/private hire driver’s licence had been referred to Committee for reasons which had been laid out in section 4.11 of the report.

Copies of MA’s application, DBS Enhanced Certificate and interview notes were attached to the report at Appendices A-C respectively.

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The Applicant appeared before the Committee and was given every opportunity to present their case to Members and answer questions.

The Applicant was then invited to sum up their case and was advised that the Committee's decision would be conveyed to them the following day with a detailed letter to follow in due course.

The Applicant and Licensing Officers then left the meeting whilst the Committee deliberated in private with the Council's Legal Officer.

- \* **Resolved that on the balance of probabilities, the new application for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (Ref: MA) be refused as the Committee was not satisfied that MA was a "fit and proper person" to hold a driver's licence pursuant to Section 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976 and the Council's Policy.**

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