

**Minutes of the Meeting of the LICENSING HEARING PANEL held on 17 October
2016**

PRESENT -

Councillor Clive Smitheram (Chairman); Councillors Steve Bridger and Humphrey Reynolds

In Attendance: Applicant and one witness

Officers present: Tim Richardson (Democratic Services Officer), Danny Surowiak (Principal Solicitor) and Nicholas Tapping (Licensing Officer)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors in items on this agenda.

2 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Panel was asked to determine whether a Private Hire Driver's License should continue, be suspended or be revoked, following the Council being informed that the license holder had received a conviction for driving without due care and attention in August 2015.

The Licensing Officer informed the Panel that it was a requirement of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that the Authority be informed within 7 days of any conviction during the period of a Private Hire Driver Licence. The Panel was informed that the applicant had been convicted of an offense in August 2015, but the Council had not been informed of it until September 2016, when the applicant submitted an application for a renewal.

The applicant and the witness addressed the Panel. The applicant and witness informed the Panel that the Licensing Authority had not been informed of the conviction at its time of occurrence due to an error by the applicant, but that there had not been any attempt to hide it. The applicant and witness also informed the Panel that the conviction had been fully disclosed in the applicant's application for a licence renewal. The Panel asked questions to the applicant.

Following consideration, the Panel RESOLVED:

- (1) That the applicant's Private Hire Driver's Licence should continue.

The Panel reminded the applicant of the requirements of holding a Private Hire Driver's Licence, and stressed the importance of meeting them.

The meeting began at 10.30 am, ended at 10.55 am and was adjourned between 10.44 am and 10.52 am.

COUNCILLOR CLIVE SMITHERAM (CHAIRMAN)