

Licensing Sub-Committee 11.30am 8 May 2018

Case No 1

Decision: The Licensing Sub-Committee was asked to determine whether this applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence against the background of failing to declare on his 'Taxi Licence Application Form', the convictions received in 2008 whilst disqualified from driving

In respect of the failure to disclose the 2008 convictions, the applicant indicated they believed they had disclosed one of the two being driving while disqualified as the most serious conviction but had simply forgotten about the driving without insurance. The applicant apologised for the oversight and indicated that it was not intentional.

In respect of the charge of possessing Class A drugs in 2014, the applicant advised that as the driver of a vehicle found to be containing a small quantity of drugs, the Police charged the applicant as the person responsible. The applicant admitted pleading guilty to the offence and stated that this was without having received legal advice.

In respect of speeding, the applicant admitted driving at 44MPH in a 30MPH limit.

In response to a question, the applicant advised that their life had substantially turned around in the last year. They are now in a relationship and have a child. The applicant now wishes to work part-time in order to support the family.

The Sub-Committee accepted that the applicant had changed and considered that they were fit and proper to be granted a new Driver Licence. The Sub-Committee noted, however, that the applicant currently has 6 points on their DVLA driving licence and under the Council's licensing policy, any further DVLA points either as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver or simply driving personally would likely lead to the revocation of the Licence granted today.