

Licensing Sub-Committee 24 August 2020 10am

Case 3/2020

The Licensing Sub-Committee was asked to determine whether this Respondent was a fit and proper person to continue as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver against the background of them accumulating a total of 12 penalty points on their Swale Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee heard from the Licensing Officer that the Respondent had their Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Dual Driver Licence endorsed with 12 points in July 2020 for failing to notify Swale Borough Council within 14 days of DVLA penalty points imposed in September 2019.

The Sub-Committee heard from the Respondent that their employer had notified the Council of the original incident, this was confirmed by the Licensing Officer. The Respondent further stated they had not until recently been aware of the penalty points. The Respondent stated that when they became aware of the penalty points the Council was notified of them.

The Sub-Committee further heard that the Respondent had 20-22 years' experience of being a taxi driver and had not been the subject of any other driving penalty or complaint during that time. The Respondent regretted dearly that the incident leading to the DVLA penalty points had occurred.

The Sub-Committee determined that this Respondent does remain a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence, as they accepted that whilst the DVLA points were not notified to the Council within 14 days of being imposed, the Respondent did notify the Council of the DVLA penalty points after they became aware of them. It was therefore appropriate and proportionate to deal with this matter by giving the Respondent a warning as to their future conduct.



Chairman:

Councillor Derek Carnell

Date: 24 August 2020