

Licensing Sub-Committee 2.30pm 30 September 2016

Case No4/2016 (3.18pm)

Decision: The Licensing Sub-Committee was asked to determine whether this respondent was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence against the background of having accumulated 21 penalty points on the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The licensing Sub-Committee decided to give a formal warning to the respondent driver. The Licensing Sub-Committee noted that for accumulating 21 points the outcome would normally be a suspension of the Licence and in the circumstances of this case, possibly even revocation.

The Licensing Sub-Committee noted that the respondent driver accepted completely the issues raised at the Hearing but did present substantial extenuating circumstances.

The Licensing Sub-Committee also noted the remarks made in support of the driver by the Ward Councillor, and this assisted them in reaching the conclusion that the driver remains a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

Given the wholly exceptional circumstances of this case, a formal warning is the appropriate action to take, but the driver should be under no illusions as to the outcome in the event of being presented before a future Sub-Committee.