

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING (MISCELLANEOUS) SUB COMMITTEE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

**APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE
VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Sub-Committee of an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence from John Charles.
- 1.2 To request that the Sub-Committee determines whether to grant, refuse or restrict the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence in regard to John Charles.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 An application for a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence was received from John Charles on 14 September 2018.
- 2.2 The application is deemed complete and the details are included as follows:

<u>Application requirements</u>	<u>Date Complete</u>
Knowledge Test Part C – Exempt Paragraph 21	14/9/18
Knowledge Test Part D – Exempt Paragraph 21	14/9/18
Medical Complete–Signed Fit (additional comments)	26/9/18
DVLA Licence - held over 1 yr / checked offences	18/9/18
Check Code	13/9/18
Enhanced DBS - check content	18/9/18
Right to Work	19/12/18
Safeguarding Test & English Test- Passed	18/12/18
Certificate of Good Conduct or Police Character Certificate Received	N/A
Photograph Compliant & Endorsed	14/9/18
Proof of Identity	16/11/18

- 2.3 Confidential information supplied by Mr Charles is relevant to the application. The information disclosed will be presented at the hearing as the said information is confidential.

Reports will be updated at the hearing, if necessary, to take account of any additional relevant information received after publication.

- 2.4 Having regard to all the facts, members are asked to consider the application by Mr Charles, to ascertain if he is a fit and proper person in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and having regard for the summary of Guidance for Members.
- 2.5 Members should not allow themselves to pre-determine the application or to be prejudiced in favour of or opposed to the application until they have had an opportunity to consider all the pertinent facts.
- 2.6 Members should be aware that as they are acting in a quasi-judicial role as regards this licensing matter, they should remain in the room so that they hear all the evidence on which the decision will be based.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The options available to the Licensing (Miscellaneous) Sub-Committee under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 when considering such applications are as follows:

Option 1 – To grant the licence as applied for with no additional conditions or restrictions other than those normally applied to such licences.

Option 2 – To grant the licence subject to additional conditions or restrictions.

Option 3 – To refuse to grant the licence.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – A licence can be granted with no additional conditions if members consider Mr Charles' medical conditions is not relevant.
- 4.2 Option 2 – The legislation also allows the Licensing Authority to attach Conditions to a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence. In the event that the licensed driver has breached any of the Conditions during the period of their licence this may result in them being put before an Assessment Board of Officers of the Licensing Department to consider the licence. In the event that the Assessment Board is not satisfied that the applicant is a "fit and proper" person, a recommendation would be made to this Sub-Committee to determine the licence or the renewal application. The committee could also determine to issue the licence for a lesser period. Licences can be issued for a period up to a maximum of three years.

- 4.3 Option 3 – Should the Licensing (Miscellaneous) Sub-Committee refuse the application or impose additional terms, conditions or restrictions then the applicant may appeal to a Magistrates Court within 21 days from the date on which he was notified of the decision. Should the Magistrates uphold the decision of the council, the applicant has further recourse to the Crown Court.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 There are no resource implications.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the application be determined in accordance with the options outlined at paragraph 3 above, taking into account the information on the medical certificate.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: -

Application file- except information protected by the Data Protection Act.