

**Consideration by East Northamptonshire Council of a Hackney Carriage
and Private Hire Drivers Licence
Tuesday 18 December 2018**

The Panel has carefully considered the report by East Northamptonshire Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer to determine the fitness of the Applicant to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

In reaching its decision, the Panel had regard to:

- The report from the East Northamptonshire Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Application form for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence
- Supplementary Information on Criminal Records
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
- ENC Licensing Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers
- ENC Criminal Records Policy
- Current DBS records.

It is the duty of the Panel to determine the application on the balance of probabilities.

The Panel have decided unanimously that the Applicant is, on a balance of probability, a fit and proper person to be licenced to drive a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicle and ought therefore to be licensed. The Panel has therefore decided to grant the licence.

The Panel noted that the Applicant was sincere and explained the circumstances surrounding the caution he received on 22 June 2014. The Panel accepted his account of events pertaining to the incident.

The Panel would remind the Applicant that being a Taxi Driver is a highly responsible position and therefore, they wish to emphasise the importance of the East Northamptonshire Licensing Policy governing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence. Further the Panel would like to warn the Applicant that any future breaches of the policy or misconduct would not be looked upon favourably and may result in the licence being suspended or revoked.

The Decision Notice will be sent out in writing. If aggrieved with the Panel's decision, the Applicant and any Party that has made representation has the Right to Appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the Decision Notification letter.

Chairman

Councillor G Greenwood-Smith

18 December 2018