LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Exemption from Policy – Street knowledge Test Applicant: - Dilshad Wasta Aziz

INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Aziz is seeking an exemption from the Committee Policy that states that an applicant for a Taxi Driver or Private Hire Car Driver licence must pass the street knowledge test.

The test aims to ensure that all taxi and private hire drivers have a knowledge of the city including the layout of its roads and the location of landmarks.

It should be noted that Mr Aziz previously held a Taxi Driver Licence from 25/08/2014 to 31/07/2021 and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence from 10/04/2015 to 31/03/2017. The Committee has before it an email from Mr Aziz indicating the grounds under which he is seeking the exemption.

Mr Aziz advised that he did not receive a reminder letter to renew his licence in 2021 however this cannot be confirmed. The expiry date is printed on the licence issued and there is no requirement to issue a reminder letter. The licence holder has the responsibility to renew the licence prior to the expiry date.

Should the Committee be minded to grant the exemption Mr Aziz is aware that he will be required to submit an application for the Grant of a Taxi Driver or Private Hire Driver Licence as he is not currently the holder of such a licence.

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Licensing Committee policy states that all applicants for a Taxi or Private Hire Car Driver licence must pass the street knowledge test prior to applying for the licence.