

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

3 MAY 2022

Exemption from Policy – Street Knowledge Test
Applicant: - Kashif Iftikhar

INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Iftikhar 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.

Mr Iftikhar has previously sat the street knowledge test on 27/09/2022, 08/11/2022 and 18/04/2023 but did not pass.

It should be noted that on 27/09/2022 Mr Iftikhar offered a sum of money of £700-£800 to the Enforcement Officer who was invigilating the test, to be passed and again on 08/11/2022 Mr Iftikhar again offered the same sum to the Civic Licensing Standards Officer who was invigilating that test, to be passed.

Both offers were immediately refused.

It should be further noted that Mr Iftikhars exam of 08/11/2022 was not marked as he was noted using his mobile phone to look up answers during the test.

On the 27/09/2022 he failed all 4 sections and on 18/04/2023 he failed 3 sections (only passing road signs).

The Committee has before it an email from Mr Iftikhar indicating the grounds under which he is seeking the exemption.

Should the Committee be minded to grant the exemption Mr Iftikhar is aware that he will be required to submit an application for the Grant of a Taxi Driver or Private Hire Car 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.