



Swale Borough Council

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Date of Determination: 25 February 2026

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, take notice that Swale Borough Council has decided to **GRANT** your application for a private hire drivers' licence subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

The Licensing Sub-Committee were asked to consider whether [REDACTED] is a fit and proper person for the purposes of compliance with hackney carriage and private hire legislation, published Standards and Guidance and Swale Borough Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the evidence included within the report and additional evidence provided at the hearing from the applicant. In particular, the Licensing Sub-Committee considered the reasons provided for the inability to produce a certificate of good conduct from the Afghan Embassy.

The Licensing Sub-Committee heard evidence from [REDACTED], his representative at the hearing and in references from his current employer of his work ethic and dedication. They recognised the references to his professionalism, integrity and honesty, and noted that these characteristics are very important as licensed drivers.

The Licensing Sub-Committee noted their policy regarding the requirement to provide a certificate of good conduct where an applicant has lived overseas within the previous 5 years. They gave careful consideration as to whether it would be appropriate to depart from the Policy in the circumstances of the application. On balance, they felt that the evidence justified a departure from the Policy given the credible and honest explanation provided, the very positive references from both his representative and

his current employer and the evidence provided of his commitment to training and promoting high standards.

Accordingly, the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee was to grant the application subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

There is no right of appeal against this decision.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Winckless', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Date of Notice:

27 February 2026

Councillor Tony Winckless
Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee