

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Crathorne, D Stoker and A Surtees

Also Present:

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Geldard.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 July 2016 and 6 July 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver and Operator

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver and Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given an opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and provided Members with copies of invoices. Members were given the opportunity to read the additional information before the Licence Holder responded to questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement which confirmed any information held on their records and Police National Computer. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.40 pm. After re-convening at 2.50 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holders Private Hire and Operators Licence be revoked.

L Cloney, Licensing Enforcement Team Leader withdrew from the meeting

R Young, Licensing Enforcement Officer joined the meeting

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement which confirmed any information held on their records and Police National Computer. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.15 pm. After re-convening at 3.35 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Licence be suspended for 2 months and he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Applicant was unable to attend. Members discussed adjourning the application but decided to determine the application in the absence of the Licence Holder.

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement report. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement which confirmed any information held on their records and Police National Computer. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 4.00 pm. After re-convening at 4.05 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.