

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Boyes, D Hicks and K Hopper

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Bell.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest, if any.

Councillor Hicks declared an interest in item no. 9 on the Agenda and took no part in the determination of the application.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 June and 26 July 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.

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

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman introduced the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place. The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader circulated a late representation from the Licence Holder (for copy see file of minutes) and presented the report. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a statement and the applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary had submitted a written statement to be considered by the Sub-Committee, which related to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to sum-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.30 a.m.

After reconvening at 10.40 a.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence be suspended for a period of six months, subject to a suspension period of six months.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

Chairman introduced the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place. The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and invited the Licensing Enforcement Officer to present a statement. The applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary had submitted a written statement to be considered by the Sub-Committee, which related to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to sum-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.30 a.m.

After reconvening at 11.35 a.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be given written warning for a period of six months.

Councillor Hicks excused himself from the meeting and left the room in order for the next application to be considered in his absence.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

Councillor Boyes attended the meeting in order to determine the application.

The Chairman introduced the Licence Holder and his representative to the meeting and introductions took place. The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and invited the Licensing Enforcement Officer to present a statement. The applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary had submitted a written statement to be considered by the Sub-Committee, which related to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Licence Holder and his representative were given the opportunity to sum-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.30 a.m.

After reconvening at 11.35 a.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be given written warning for a period of six months.

Councillor Boyes left the meeting.

9 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Councillor Hicks returned to the meeting in order to determine the final application.

The Chairman introduced the Licence Holder and his representative to the meeting and introductions took place. The Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and invited the Licensing Enforcement Officer to present a statement. The applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary had submitted a written statement to be considered by the Sub-Committee, which related to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Licence Holder and his representative were given the opportunity to sum-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.10 p.m.

After reconvening at 12.25 p.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be given written warning for a period of six months.