

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Hart, D Hicks, I Jewell and B Kellett

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Exclusion of the Public

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 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader 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).

Members were informed that the matter had previously been considered by a General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee on 8 June 2016 but in the light of further evidence the decision was made to refer the case back to the Sub-Committee for determination. The Licence Holder's appeal hearing had been put on hold pending the outcome of the decision of the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader presented the Enforcement Report and responded to questions.

A representative from the Police was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matter detailed in the report, together with details of previous convictions and motoring offences.

The Police Officer responded to questions.

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

Before adjourning at 11.05am the Chairman informed the Licence Holder and his Solicitor that the Sub-Committee decision would be based on the information presented to Members in the report and the verbal representations made by all parties. After re-convening at 11.25am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That

- (i) the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be reinstated;
- (ii) the Licence be suspended for 6 months but the suspension be suspended for 6 months.