

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

**AREA GENERAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SUB COMMITTEE
(CENTRAL AND EAST DURHAM)**

AT A MEETING of the **AREA GENERAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SUB COMMITTEE (CENTRAL AND EAST DURHAM)** held at
CHESTER-LE-STREET on **9 JULY 2009** at **2.30 pm**.

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR C Carr in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Barnett (substitute), D Boyes, D Stoker, R Todd, J Wilkinson
and M Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Gittins.

A1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes of the Meeting held 27 May 2009

The Minutes of the meetings held 27 May 2009 were agreed as a true record
and were signed by the Chairman.

A3 Such Other Business

The Chair noted that the Licensing Officer had asked whether Item No.7 could
be deferred to a future meeting as the Applicant could not be in attendance.
The Chair put this to the Sub Committee and it was agreed that the matter
could be considered at an appropriate future meeting. No further additional
items or matters were raised.

A4 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

B5 Application for the Continuance of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of an Application for the Continuance of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer, Helen Johnson presented the Report. She circulated a copy of the CRB check and DVLA Licence details and advised on information received from the County Council's Integrated Transport Unit in relation to School Contracts. The Applicant had been licensed within the Authority since 11 April 2003 and had attended Committee on two previous occasions.

The Applicant presented his case and asked for Members to consider a character reference letter. The Chair allowed the Sub Committee to have sight of the letter but after consideration by the Sub Committee, the Chair noted that it could not be considered as evidence as it was not possible to confirm its authenticity. The Applicant responded to questions from Members of the Sub Committee.

The Applicant and Officers were excluded at 3.00 pm to allow the Committee to deliberate in private.

After reconvening at 3.06 pm, the Chair delivered the Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Application for the Continuance of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted.

B6 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair noted that the Applicant had not arrived at the meeting and that there had been no communication that the Applicant could not be in attendance. The Sub Committee resolved to hear the matter in the Applicant's absence.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of an Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer, Helen Johnson presented the Report. She circulated a copy of the CRB check and DVLA Licence details and advised on information received from the County Council's Integrated Transport Unit in relation to School Contracts. The Applicant had not previously been licensed within the Authority or any of the existing zones.

Members asked the Licensing and Legal Officers present questions relating to a speeding offence as set out in the Applicant's CRB check. Members were told that the Applicant's current DVLA Licence was clear.

The Applicant and Officers were excluded at 3.16 pm to allow the Committee to deliberate in private

After reconvening at 3.21 pm, the Chair delivered the Committee's decision.

The Chair indicated that the Sub Committee wished that a letter be sent to the Applicant along with the Notice of the Decision, stating that the Sub Committee did not condone speeding in any circumstance and that the Sub Committee was disappointed that the Applicant had not appeared at the meeting.

Resolved:

That the Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted.