

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 the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, SEASIDE LANE, EASINGTON** on **TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009** at **10:00am**.

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR C CARR in the Chair

Members of the Committee

Councillors D Boyes, P Gittins, R Liddle, R Todd, D Stoker and J Wilkinson

Officers

C Greenlay (Council's Solicitor); C Ridley (Licensing Officer, Easington Office); J Kevan (Licensing Officer, Durham Office); J Collins (Democratic Services Officer)

A1 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2009

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2009 were confirmed.

A3 Items of business for open session

There were no additional items of business to be held in the open part of the meeting.

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 12 A to the said Act.

B5 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services for an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

A copy of the witness statements and notification by Durham Constabulary under the Notifiable Occupations Scheme were circulated to Members.

The applicant presented his case and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The applicant and Officers left the Sub-Committee to deliberate in private at 10.40am.

After reconvening at 11.05am, the Chair delivered the Committees decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be refused.

B6 Application for review of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services for an application for review of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

A copy of the notification by Durham Constabulary under the Notifiable Occupations Scheme was circulated to Members.

The applicant presented his case and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The applicant and Officers left the Sub-Committee to deliberate in private at 11.20am.

After reconvening at 11.50am, the Chair delivered the Committees decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be refused.

B7 Application for review of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

B8 Application for review of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

B9 Application for review of Private Hire Drivers Licence

Consideration was given to the reports of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services for applications for review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Drivers Licences, copies of which had been circulated.

The Sub-Committee agreed to hear the reports together as they all related to the same incident.

The applicants presented their case and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The applicants and Officers left the Sub-Committee at 12.50pm. The meeting reconvened at 12.55pm.

A character witness was given for one of the applicants.

The applicants and Officers left the Sub-Committee to deliberate in private at 1.00pm.

After reconvening at 1.10pm, the Chair delivered the Committees decision.

RESOLVED:

That

B7 - the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be suspended for one month

B8 – the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be suspended for one month

B9 – the applicant be given a warning