

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 **WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2009** at **2:00pm**.

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR C CARR in the Chair

Members of the Sub-Committee

Councillors D Boyes, D Stoker, R Todd and M Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Gittins and R Liddle

Officers

C Greenlay (Council's Solicitor); C Ridley and K Monaghan (Licensing Officers); H Johnson (Team Leader – Licensing); J Errington (Senior Committee Services Officer)

A1 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2009

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2009 were confirmed by the Sub-Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 A to the said Act.

B4 Suspension of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the licence holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services in relation to the suspension of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

Members of the Sub-Committee were also provided with a copy of the letter from Durham Constabulary dated 22 September 2009, as referred to in the report.

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

The licence holder and Officers left the Sub-Committee to deliberate in private at 2.20 pm.

After reconvening at 2.45 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

That the licence holder's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be revoked.

B5 Application for the Continuation of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Licensing Officer advised that the licence holder was not in attendance but had requested an adjournment.

In determining the request to adjourn, Members of the Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services, a copy of which had been circulated.

Members were also advised that since the report had been prepared further information had been obtained from Northumbria Police on 9 November 2009 relating to the incident which had taken place on 16 October 2009.

The licence holder had requested the adjournment to allow him to clarify details of the incident with Northumbria Police prior to proceeding with his case. His licence was suspended at present.

RESOLVED

That determination of the continuation of a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence, be adjourned and referred back to a meeting of this Sub-Committee once the licence holder was in a position to proceed.

CHAIR.....

DATED.....