

**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 **CIVIC CENTRE, CHESTER-LE-STREET** on **MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2009** at **2.00pm.**

**PRESENT**

**COUNCILLOR C CARR** in the Chair

**Members of the Sub-Committee**

Councillors D Boyes, P Gittins, R Liddle, J Shiell and M Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Stoker and R Todd

**Officers**

C Greenlay (Principal Litigation Solicitor); H Johnson (Team Leader – Licensing); C Ridley (Licensing Officer); M Brown (Safeguarding Services Manager)

**A1 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**A2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 December 2009**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 December 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 paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

#### **B5 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence – Report of the Corporate Director, 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 which asked the Sub-Committee to consider and determine any action necessary regarding the licence holder's Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

Members of the Sub-Committee were also provided with a copy of the CRB disclosure together with the report of the CRB Vetting and Barring Officer, as referred to in the report.

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

The Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 2.40pm.

After reconvening at 2.50pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

##### **RESOLVED:**

That

- (a) no further action be taken and the current suspension of the licence holder's Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be withdrawn;
- (a) the licence holder be given a warning.

At this point Councillor J Shiell left the meeting.

**B6 Application for the Continuation of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence – Report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services**

Members were advised that the licence holder had failed to attend the hearing without giving notice.

The Sub-Committee considered whether or not to proceed without the licence holder being present and decided that he should be given a further opportunity to attend.

Members asked that the licence holder be advised that if he failed to attend again, the application would be determined by this Sub-Committee in his absence.

**RESOLVED**

That determination of the application for the continuation of a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers licence, be adjourned and the licence holder be invited to attend a future meeting of this Sub-Committee.

**B7 Application for the Continuation of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence – Report of the Corporate Director, 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 regarding an application for the continuation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

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

The Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 3.10pm.

After reconvening at 3.30pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

## **RESOLVED**

That

- (a) the application for the continuation of a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted on the grounds that the licence holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person;
- (b) the licence holder be given a warning.

### **B8 Application for the Continuation of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence – Report of the Corporate Director, 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 regarding an application for the continuation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

Members were also provided with a copy of the letter from Durham Constabulary under the Notifiable Occupations Scheme, as referred to in the report.

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

The Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 3.50pm.

After reconvening at 4.05pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

## **RESOLVED**

That

- (a) the application for the continuation of a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted and reviewed at the end of six months by the Licensing Officer;
- (b) the licence holder be given a warning.