

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 WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2010
at 9.30 AM**

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR C CARR in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey (substitute for D Boyes), P Gittins, R Liddle, M Plews,
D Stoker and R Todd.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Arthur and D Boyes.

Officers attending

Richard Langdon (Solicitor), Jane Kevan (Licensing Team Leader), Ann
Armitage (Licensing Enforcement Officer), Paula Nicholson (Committee
Services Officer), Eileen Elliot (Passenger Transport).

Others attending

Sgt Tim Robson (Durham Constabulary)

A1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

A2 Minutes of the Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 July 2010 were confirmed by the Sub-
Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

A3 Such Other Business

The Chair asked whether there was any other business to be considered
during the public part of the meeting. No 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 Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

B5 Dual Driving Licence - Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of any action necessary regarding the Licence Holder's Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 9.50 am.

After reconvening at 10.15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Driver's Licence and Operator's Licence be suspended for a period of six months pending further information.

Eileen Elliott left the Meeting.

B6 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of any action necessary regarding the Applicant's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 10.50 am.

After reconvening at 11.10 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

1. The application for the continuation of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be granted on the grounds that the licence holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person; but he be issued with a written warning and be asked to undertake some form of anger management training.
2. That the licence be reviewed in 6 months.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11.15 am and reconvened at 11.20 am

B7 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of any action necessary regarding the Applicant's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 11.30 am.

After reconvening at 11.35 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

The application for the continuation of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be granted on the grounds that the licence holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person but that he must fully understand and comply with the terms of the licence.

Councillor Liddle left the meeting.

B8 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Licensing Team Leader advised the Committee that the Licence Holder's Solicitor was unable to attend and asked that consideration of the application be adjourned.

Resolved:

That the application be considered at a meeting of the Area General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee to be held on 8 December 2010.

Ann Armitage (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the Meeting

B9 Hackney Carriage Driver 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 the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

A copy of the applicants CRB Disclosure was circulated to members of the committee.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 12.00 Noon.

After reconvening at 12.10 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Councillor Gittins left the Meeting.

B10 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence – Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of any action necessary regarding the Applicant's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Licence Holder presented her case and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

Members of the Sub-Committee left to deliberate in private at 12.45 pm.

After reconvening at 12.55 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for the continuation of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence.