

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors M Clarke, A Surtees, A Willis and D Wood

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

S Robinson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Councillor A Surtees (in the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 April 2018 and 16 May 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

6 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant, her partner and Solicitor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that requested Members to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader took Members through the Enforcement Report.

Members and the Applicant and her Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Applicant and her Solicitor were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.20 am. After re-convening at 10.30 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence and be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

S Robson (Licensing Enforcement Officer) entered the meeting

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder had indicated that he was unable to attend the meeting but was happy for the matter to be considered in his absence.

Members agreed to consider the matter in the absence of the Licence Holder.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that requested Members to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and took Members through the Enforcement Report.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.50 am. After re-convening at 10.55 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for 12 months.

S Robson (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder, his partner and Solicitor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that requested Members to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and took Members through the Enforcement Report.

Members and the Licence Holder and his representative were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder and his Solicitor were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.50 am. After re-convening at 12.15 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence be suspended until the he had successfully completed the knowledge test.