

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Reed, A Willis and D Wood

### **Also Present:**

S Buston – Council's Solicitor

M Haigh – Licensing Enforcement Officer (on behalf of Licensing Team Leader)

R Young – Licensing Enforcement Officer

Sgt Dickenson – Durham Constabulary

DC Haythornthwaite – Durham Constabulary

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

### **3 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations 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 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

Item Withdrawn

**7 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant 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 Enforcement Officer presented the licensing report on behalf of the Licensing Team Leader and advised Members that one of the witnesses was available if required. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and took Members through the enforcement report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Enforcement Officer.

Durham Constabulary were in attendance and confirmed that they had nothing further to add.

The Applicant was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.15 pm. After re-convening at 2.25 pm, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the application be refused.