

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Maitland, I McLean and A Willis

Also Present:

G Proud (Legal Officer)
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)
M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
S Robinson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
DC Haythornthwaite (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor J Bell.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were 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 Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and his supporters to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the Licensing and Enforcement report and circulated to Members a letter that the Applicant had provided confirming his employment if he was successful in attaining his licence which had been verified. Members had also been provided with a letter from the Applicants son that had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Licensing Team Leader confirmed that it had not been possible to verify the letter.

Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

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 10.25 am. After re-convening at 10.40 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence and be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

7 Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

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

The Solicitor sought clarification on the dates of conviction which the Licencing Enforcement Officer confirmed.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

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 11.20 am. After re-convening at 11.35 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Drivers Licence and be issued with a 12 month written warning.

M Haigh, Licensing Enforcement Officer joined the meeting

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

That consideration of the application be deferred.

S Robson and R Young, Licensing Enforcement Officers left the meeting

9 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Licence Holder 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 outlined the Enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and confirmed that they had nothing further to add.

The Licence Holder 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 12.10 pm. After re-convening at 12.20 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

10 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder did not attend the meeting and Members agreed to consider the application in his absence.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Licence Holder 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 outlined the Enforcement report. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and confirmed that the Licence Holder had no motoring offences or convictions.

After deliberating the application, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.