

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)**

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

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke, C Hampson and A Willis

#### **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

#### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.**

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

#### **6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Holder and Private Hire Vehicle Operator**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and her representative to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult Services to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver,

Private Hire Vehicle Operator, and Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Holder (for copy, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and the Licensing Enforcement Team Leader presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report. Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions following both presentations, as well as the Licence Holder.

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee in respect of the matters outlined in the report.

The Licence Holder and her supporter were invited to address the Sub-Committee and the Licence Holder responded to questions from Members and Officers.

At 11.00 a.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 12.20 p.m. the Chairman delivered the decision.

### **Resolved**

- a) That no further action be taken in respect of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence as the applicant was deemed to be a fit and proper person.
- b) That the Private Hire operator licence be revoked.
- c) That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence be revoked.
- d) That the Private Hire Vehicle Licence be revoked.

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The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report. Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions following both presentations, as well as the Licence Holder.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and the Licence Holder responded to questions from Members and Officers.

At 12.40 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 12.55 p.m. the Chairman delivered the decision.

## **Resolved**

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked as the applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.

## **8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the Licence Holder was not in attendance at the meeting and attempts to contact him had failed. The Committee therefore confirmed that the application would be determined in his absence.

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult Services to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the Reports. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

At 13.10 a.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 13.15 p.m. the Chairman delivered the decision.

## **Resolved**

That the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked as the Licence Holder was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.