

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Maitland (Chair)**

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

Councillors A Batey, J Bell, P Crathorne and I McLean

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors

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There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

#### **3 Declarations of interest, if any.**

Councillor Crathorne declared an interest in item no. 7 on the Agenda as she knew the Licence Holder in a personal capacity.

#### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the special meeting held on 19 February and the meeting on 20 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **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.

Councillor Crathorne left the meeting at this point.

#### **6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Holder**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult Services to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Holder (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report. An additional document was handed out, following which Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary confirmed that there was no further information to present to the Sub-Committee.

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

At 2.00 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 2.10 p.m. the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be subject to a written warning for a 12 month period.

Councillor Crathorne returned to the meeting.

**7 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult Services to determine the application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

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. The Applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary presented some additional information to the Sub-Committee with regards to matters outlined in the report.

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

At 2.50 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 2.55 p.m. the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Private Hire Driver Licence be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a fit and proper person.

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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. The Applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary confirmed that there was no further information to present to the Sub-Committee.

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

At 3.15 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 3.20 p.m. the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Private Hire Driver Licence be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a fit and proper person.