

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 2 October 2019** at **10.00 am**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, S Durham, P Jopling, D Stoker and T Tucker

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)
I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
PC Robertson (Durham Constabulary)

Councillor D Stoker (in the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Marshall.

2 Substitutes

Councillor J Bell substituted for Councillor L Marshall.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019 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 Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his Solicitor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to outline the report and provided Members with copies of references that the Licence Holder had provided some of which had been verified. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were in attendance and confirmed that the information on their systems matched the information provided in the report. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder and his Solicitor were invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine 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 to outline the report and provided Members with a copy of the previous committee referral report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were in attendance and provided information with regards to matters outlined in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 12.05 pm to allow Members to find information in the papers. The Sub-Committee re-convened at 12.10 pm and the Chairman advised the Licence Holder that the information had been found in the papers.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.15 pm. After re-convening at 12.35 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

8 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Item withdrawn.