

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

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

Councillors D Stoker, T Tucker and A Willis

#### **Also Present:**

G Proud (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **Councillor D Stoker (in the Chair)**

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Durham and L Marshall.

#### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

#### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **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 Licensing Enforcement Officer advised Members that the Licence Holder was unable to attend the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the ongoing 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 presented the report and provided Members with details of the information contained in a page that had been omitted from the report. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After reconvening the Chair delivered the sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver Licence be suspended.

Mr M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer left the Meeting)

Mr I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer Joined the Meeting)

## **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 Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the ongoing 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 presented the report and advised Members that the date on page 25 of the report should read the 10 September 2019 and not the 10 October 2019 as stated. He then provided Members with a copy of references that the Licence Holder had provided some of which had been verified. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to be represented at the meeting but had confirmed that they had no further information to add.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.45 am. After re-convening at 10.50 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

## **8 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

That the Item be deferred.

## **9 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Holder**

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

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to outline the report and 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 responded to questions from Members and Officers.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.00 noon. After re-convening at 12.15 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence be suspended pending confirmation of a change of address for the insurance and logbook.