

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Willis and D Wood

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Bell, B Kellett and J Maitland.

2 Substitutes

Councillor D Wood was in attendance as a substitute.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 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 Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licensing Enforcement Officer advised Members that the Licence Holder had indicated that he was unable to attend the meeting but was happy for Members to consider in his absence.

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

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report following which Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that their records matched those set out in the report.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.55 pm. After re-convening at 2.00 pm, the Chairman 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 Licensing Enforcement Officer advised Members that the Licence Holder had been in touch to ask for an adjournment.

Members considered the adjournment and agreed to defer the application until the 13 November 2019.

8 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 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 presented the report and provided Members with some additional information that the Licence Holder had

provided. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had nothing recorded on their systems.

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

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.10 pm. After re-convening at 3.20 pm, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 3 month period and attend the course on the 9 December 2019.