

## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Area General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (South and West)** held in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Chester-le-Street on **Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 2.00 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors J Bailey, D Brown, J Gray and G Huntington

**Also Present:**

R Langdon (Legal Officer)

J Kevan (Licensing Team Leader)

Sgt Robson (Durham Constabulary)

**1 Declarations of Interest, if any.**

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2011.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**3 Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.**

There were no additional items of business to be considered.

**4 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing 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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

**5 Dual Driver and Operator Licence**

The Chair welcomed the applicant and his solicitor to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which was to consider and determine any action necessary regarding the licence holder's dual hackney carriage and private hire driver licence and private operator licence, a copy of which had been circulated.

The Licensing Team Leader informed Members that the dual hackney carriage and private hire driver licence and private operator licence had been suspended by the Sub-Committee on 17 November 2011 pending further information and was to be reviewed in 6 months.

Members were advised that the matter had been returned to the Sub-Committee prior to the six month period because of circumstances which were outlined in the report.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Durham Constabulary. The licence holder's representative presented his case on behalf of the licence holder.

Following all representations, Members deliberated the application in private at 2.45 pm.

After reconvening at 3.15 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **RESOLVED**

That the suspension agreed at the meeting of the 17 November 2011 be removed and the licence holders dual hackney carriage and private hire driver licence and private operator licence be revoked on the grounds that he was not deemed to be a 'fit and proper' person.