

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 27 November 2013 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, J Blakey, K Hopper and A Willis

Also Present:

S Buston (Solicitor) and H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader) and Sgt Tim Robson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That under section 100A(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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

The Applicant and his Prospective Employer were welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the

suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Information was provided by Durham Constabulary on the Applicants conviction and they confirmed that they had no objections to the licence but had concerns.

The Applicant and his Prospective Employer addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.20 am. After reconvening at 10.25 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence but he also be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

7 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

The Applicant was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Information was provided by Durham Constabulary on the Applicants convictions and they confirmed that they had no objections to the licence but had concerns.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

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

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence but he also be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

The Applicant was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Information was provided by Durham Constabulary on the Applicants convictions and they confirmed that they had no objections to the licence but had concerns.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.55 am. After reconvening at 11.00 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence but he also be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

9 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

The Applicant was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Information was provided by Durham Constabulary on the Applicants convictions and they confirmed that they had no objections to the licence but had concerns.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee. He also circulated to Members a letter which confirmed the circumstances which led to one of his convictions. The Licensing Team Leader had verified the letter.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.35 am. After reconvening at 11.50 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence but he also be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

10 Exemption from Displaying the Council Vehicle Plate and Door Crests

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine whether to depart from the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and to allow an exemption from displaying the vehicle plate and door crests for a vehicle which would be used for carrying out bookings for executive hire and proms (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee, he also circulated leaflets regarding his business.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.10 pm. After reconvening at 12.15 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be granted an exemption for the requested vehicle to be exempt from displaying the Council vehicle plate and door crests for executive hire and proms.