

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 24 September 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, I Geldard, K Hopper and I Jewell

Also Present:

S Buston (Solicitor)
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)
DS A Henderson (Durham Constabulary)
PC D Taylor (Durham Constabulary)
PCSO S Levell (Durham Constabulary)
PCSO R Carey (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Bell and O Gunn.

2 Substitutes

Councillor J Blakey substituted for Councillor J Bell and Councillor I Jewell substituted for Councillor O Gunn.

3 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 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

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 of the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 Application for a Collector's Licence Under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2003

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 an application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Durham Constabulary had circulated a revised written representation to all parties prior to the meeting.

The Chairman invited the Representatives from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee about the concerns they had raised regarding the application.

The Applicant was then invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.50 am. After re-convening at 11.05 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application be refused as the Applicant was not deemed to be a suitable person to hold a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

**DS A Henderson and PC D Taylor left the meeting.
PCSO S Levell and PCSO R Carey Joined the meeting.**

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder and his 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 ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Licence Holder 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 11.30 am. After reconvening at 11.35 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That no action be taken as the Licence Holder was considered to be a fit and proper person.

Councillor Blakey left the meeting.

8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Vehicle

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 Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

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 11.45 am. After reconvening at 11.50 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person but he be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

9 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder and his 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 ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Licence Holder 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 12.00 Noon. After reconvening at 12.05 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken as the Licence Holder was considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 12.10 pm and re-convened at 12.40 pm.

10 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and 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 granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Applicant circulated additional information to members of the Sub-Committee and 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 1.20 pm. After reconvening at 1.30 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.

11 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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 the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Licence Holder 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 1.45 pm. After reconvening at 1.55 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person but he be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.