

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 2.00 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor C Carr (Chairman)**

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

Councillors E Bell, J Blakey and T Nearney

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

Sgt T Robson (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gunn and Stoker.

### **2 Substitutes**

Councillor T Nearney substituted for Councillor D Stoker.

### **3 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2014 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 on 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 the Grant of a Hackney Carriage 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 Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they would object to the granting of the application.

The Applicant provided a letter in support of his application.

The meeting adjourned for 5 minutes to allow the letter to be verified.

The meeting re-convened and Members were advised that the letter was unable to be verified.

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 2.20 pm. After reconvening at 2.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the application be refused as the Applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

**7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the Licence.

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 2.45 pm. After reconvening at 3.00 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

**8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

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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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the Licence.

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 3.30 pm. After reconvening at 3.35 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

**9 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they would object to the granting of the application.

The Licence Holder 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 4.00 pm. After reconvening at 4.05 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the application be refused as the Applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

## **10 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Licence Holder and her Partner 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 and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the licence.

The Licence Holder and her Partner 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 4.25 pm. After reconvening at 4.40 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Licence be revoked.