

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor on **Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, J Bell and J Blakey

Also Present:

S Grigor (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

Sgt T Robson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D Stoker and A Willis.

2 Substitutes

Councillor D Bell substituted for Councillor D Stoker.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Chairman and Members asked if they could view samples of the new tests for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers.

The Licensing Team Leader responded that she would take samples along to the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee meetings for members to view and hand back at the end of the meeting.

6 Exclusion of the Public

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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

A representative from 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 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.45 am. After reconvening at 10.55 am, 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 Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant 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 and Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from 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 granting of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.20 am. After reconvening at 11.30 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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