

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor on **Monday 31 March 2014 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors O Gunn, A Hopgood and I Jewell

Also Present:

K Monaghan – Senior Licensing Officer
C Greenlay – Principal Solicitor (Litigation)
DI Dawson – Durham Constabulary

1 Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Alderson.

2 Substitute Members.

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Application for a Site Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for a Site Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (for copy see file of Minutes).

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

Following questions by the Applicant's representative of Durham Constabulary, the Applicant and his representative were invited to present their case. They then responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.35pm. After re-convening at 2.40pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a suitable person to hold a Site Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

6 Application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

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).

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee about the concerns they had raised regarding the application, and responded to questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.05pm. After re-convening at 3.15pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a suitable person to hold a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

7 Application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

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).

Additional information was circulated to the Sub-Committee, Durham Constabulary and the Applicant. The Sub-Committee accepted the information and the Applicant was asked by the Chairman if he wished to adjourn. The Applicant indicated that he wished to proceed with the consideration of his application.

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

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.45pm. After re-convening at 3.55pm 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.

At this point Councillor Hopgood left the meeting.

8 Application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

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).

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

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 4.15pm. After re-convening at 4.25pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a suitable person to hold a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.