

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 30 March 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Stoker and A Surtees

Also Present:

C Hazell (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Sgt Urwin (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors I Geldard and J Maitland.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Grant Application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence

Item withdrawn.

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 Licensing Team Leader 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).

The representative from Durham Constabulary confirmed the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were invited to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.20 am. After re-convening at 10.35 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked as the Licence Holder was not deemed to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

8 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer addressed the Sub-Committee with regard to the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were invited to ask questions of the Officer.

The representative from Durham Constabulary confirmed the matters detailed in the report and provided Members with details of the Licence Holder's motoring

offences. Members and the Licence Holder were invited to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members. He provided Members with sight of his latest CRB report which was four months old, but did not show any further convictions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.15 am. After re-convening at 11.30 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage Licence be suspended for 12 months but the suspension be suspended for 12 months.