



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

**Date**        **Wednesday 28 October 2015**  
**Time**        **2.00 pm**  
**Venue**       **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Declarations of interest, if any
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
6. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

#### **Part B**

**Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the  
public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)**

7. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 3 - 20)
8. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 21 - 38)
9. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 39 - 56)
10. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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20 October 2015

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Councillors J Bell, I Geldard, K Hopper and T Nearney

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 2.00 pm**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors D Boyes, P Crathorne, O Gunn and K Hopper

**Also Present:**

C Hazell (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

PCSO M Haigh (Durham Constabulary)

R Crawford (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

**Councillor O Gunn was appointed Chairman**

**O Gunn (In the Chair)**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Bell, L Marshall and D Stoker.

**2 Substitutes**

Councillors O Gunn and P Crathorne substituted for Councillors J Bell and L Marshall.

**3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2015 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 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.

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

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Barrister 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 licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee in respect of the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and his Barrister were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder and his Barrister circulated various documents for members to consider. They then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.55 pm. After reconvening at 3.05 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.

## **7 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 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).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee in respect of the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.20 pm. After reconvening at 3.30 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Licence Holder be issued with a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence but he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

(ii) That an appointment be made for the Licence Holder to receive a copy of the licensing policy and a member of the team talk him through the policy.

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