

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, A Surtees and A Willis

Also Present:

S Grigor (Legal Officer)
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)
N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
K Robson (Senior Licensing Officer)
Sgt M Urwin (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hopper.

2 Substitutes

Councillor J Bell substituted for Councillor Hopper.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 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 100(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 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 of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader provided members with additional information that had been received from the garage.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer and a representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and responded to questions. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.25 am. After reconvening at 10.30 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Licence be suspended for 12 months but the suspension be suspended.

N Anderson (Enforcement Officer) left the meeting

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A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and responded to questions. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.45 am. After reconvening at 10.50 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.

K Robson (Senior Licensing Officer) joined the meeting

8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver 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 Driver Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader provided members with details of the court transcript and advised members that the 2015 offence set out in the report was in fact 2014 and not 2015 as stated.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and responded to questions. The Applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.20 am. After reconvening at 11.25 am, 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.