

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Spennymoor on **Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors C Hampson, J Maitland, D Stoker and A Surtees

Also Present:

S Grigor (Legal Officer)
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)
R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
Sgt M Urwin (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Bell, J Blakey and C Carr.

2 Substitutes

Councillors C Hampson, J Maitland and L Marshall substituted for Councillors J Bell, J Blakey and C Carr.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 February and 16 March 2016 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 Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator**

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 Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and confirmed that the Licence Holder had no previous convictions.

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

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

Resolved: That the Licence Holders Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operators licence be suspended for 12 months but the suspension be suspended for 12 months.

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 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 was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were 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 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.10 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage

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).

The Licensing Team Leader provided members with a copy of a character reference that the Licence Holder had provided which had been verified.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and provided Members with details of motoring offences. Members and the Licence Holder were 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 11.30 am. After re-convening at 11.35 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

9 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were 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 11.55 am. After re-convening at 12.20 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be suspended for 3 months with immediate effect.