

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 22 December 2015 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Hicks, A Hopgood, J Lee and P May

Also Present:

G Proud – Legal Officer

H Johnson – Licensing Team Leader

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitutes.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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.

5 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 suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

Additional information and photographs were submitted by the Licence Holder. The Legal Officer explained the information provided which related to the court case detailed in the report, and Members examined the photographs.

On behalf of the Police, the Licensing Team Leader provided confirmation of the offences detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and Members were 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 10.15am. After re-convening at 10.20am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

6 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Manager 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 an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

On behalf of the Police the Licensing Team Leader provided background information to the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder and his Manager addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.40am. After re-convening at 10.50am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be granted with a written warning for a 12 month period.

The Chairman agreed that consideration be given to the following application not shown on the Agenda.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

On behalf of the Police, the Licensing Team Leader provided background information to the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and Members were 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 11.10am. After re-convening at 11.30am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for an 18 month period.