

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, D Stoker and A Willis

Also Present:

K Coulson-Patel (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

Sgt M Urwin (Durham Constabulary)

Councillor D Stoker was appointed Chairman

Councillor D Stoker (In the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor L Marshall.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 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 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 and Private Hire Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Supporter 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 the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to answer questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.50 am. After reconvening at 11.10 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's suspension be lifted but he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.