

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 21 December 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Hicks, D Stoker and A Willis

Also Present:

S Grigor – (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson – Licensing Team Leader

N Anderson – Licensing Enforcement Officer

PCSO M Haigh – Durham Constabulary

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Crathorne and J Maitland.

2 Substitutes

Councillor A Willis substituted for Councillor P Crathorne.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 September and 5 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100(A)(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.

With the agreement of the Sub-Committee the order of business was amended to consider the application at item numbered 8 on the Agenda first.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director Adult and Health Services which requested Members to 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 Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. There were no questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and gave details of previous motoring offences. The Officer responded to questions.

The Licence Holder and his representative were invited to address the Sub-Committee and as part of the presentation Members were shown images of the roads where the offences had occurred. The Licence Holder and his representative responded to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up and then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.00am. After re-convening at 11.15am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked.

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Resolved:

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