

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Crathorne and J Maitland

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Boyes.

2 Substitute Members

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest, if any.

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.

That under section 100 (A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 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 introduced the Licence Holder and his Solicitor to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader 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 confirmed that he had no further information to add to the report.

The Licence Holders Solicitor addressed the Sub-Committee and the Licence Holder responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.20pm and after reconvening at 2.25pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken as the Licence Holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person.

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A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee with regards to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.45pm and after reconvening at 2.50pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken as the Licence Holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Prior to the start of the meeting, The Licensing Team Leader informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant had advised that there was information which he had not yet received from Durham County Council, which would assist Members in their decision making.

The Chairman introduced the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Licence Holder was asked to confirm the nature of the information which he had not yet received. There was an adjournment at 3.10pm for the Licensing Team Leader to acquire the information required by the applicant.

Upon returning to the Chamber at 3.30pm, the Licencing Team Leader confirmed that there had not yet been a response sent to the applicant.

The applicant stated the information was relevant to his submissions and the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That in order for the applicant to have a fair hearing, the meeting would be adjourned until the information required had been provided to the applicant. The Licence would remain suspended until the application could be considered at a later date.