

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors J Stephenson, A Surtees, T Tucker and A Willis

### **Also Present:**

C Hazell (Legal Officer)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Team Leader)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2017 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 Licensing Team Leader advised Members that the Licence Holder had indicated that he would not be in attendance. Members agreed to proceed in his absence.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health 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 of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader was in attendance to answer any questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing any information held on their records and confirmed that the Licence Holder had no previous convictions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.15 am. After reconvening at 10.20 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

## **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 of Adult and Health 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 of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement Report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing the information held on their records and Police National Computer.

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

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.50 am. After reconvening at 11.05 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be given a 12 month suspension but the suspension be suspended for 12 months.