



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

**Date**        **Wednesday 18 October 2017**  
**Time**        **1.30 pm**  
**Venue**       **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meetings held on 5 and 6 September 2017 (Pages 3 - 10)
4. Declarations of interest, if any
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
6. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

#### **Part B**

**Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the  
public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)**

7. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver (Pages 11 - 44)
8. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 45 - 76)
9. Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 77 - 96)
10. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham  
10 October 2017

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Councillors J Considine, K Liddell and D Stoker

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 10.00 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors D Bell and G Darkes

**Also Present:**

K Coulson-Patel (Legal Officer)  
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)  
Sgt Dickinson (Durham Constabulary)  
M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)  
I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

**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 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.

**5 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his partner 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

suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

Additional information had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement Report. At this point the complainant entered the meeting to give her account of the incident in question. Members then heard from the Workshop Manager. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were in attendance and confirmed that the Licence Holder had no previous convictions or motoring offences.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.35 am. After re-convening at 12.00 noon the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the suspension remain in place for a further 2 months.

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting  
I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

## **6 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence**

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant 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 suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement Report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were in attendance and confirmed that the information contained in the report matched their records so they had nothing further to add.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.35 pm. After re-convening at 12.40 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.

Sgt Dickinson (Durham Constabulary) and I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting  
M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

## 7 **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence**

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and her supporters 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 suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement Report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.00 pm. After re-convening at 1.05 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence as she was considered to be a fit and proper person.

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## **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.

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