

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor C Carr (Chairman)**

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

Councillors J Bell, M Clarke, J Maitland and T Tucker

### **Also Present:**

C Hazell (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 and 20 September 2017 were agreed 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(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 of the said Act.

## **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 the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.00 pm. After re-convening at 2.05 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That no action be taken.

## **7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

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The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and advised Members that a further interview had taken place with the Licence Holder and that the Licence Holder had provided 3 reference which had been verified. A copy of the references and a record of the interview had been circulated to Members at the meeting.

The Licensing Team Leader then advised Members that they had received confirmation from Durham Constabulary that the Licence Holder had contacted the police and she read out a copy of the police report.

Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to answer any questions.

The Licence Holder and his supporter were invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.00 pm. After re-convening at 3.10 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

**N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader) joined the meeting**

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All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.35 pm. After re-convening at 3.40 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

Signed by Councillor .....  
(Chairman of the Sub-Committee held on 6 December 2017)