

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor C Carr (Chairman)**

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

Councillors J Bell, J Maitland and A Reed

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Surtees.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 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 and his Solicitor 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 and circulated a copy of a reference that the Licence Holder had provided which had been verified. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

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

The complainants were then invited to join the meeting to present their statement and to answer any questions from Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor.

The Licence Holder and his Solicitor 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 2.30 pm. After re-convening at 2.50 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

**R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting**

**M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting**

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

That consideration of the Item be deferred until the meeting to be held on 20 December 2017.

**M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting**

**I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting**

## 8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire 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.

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

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 3.30 pm. After re-convening at 3.35 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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