

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke and A Willis

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Stephenson.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declaration of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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 involved 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 Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to determine the suitability of the

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

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licence Holder was also given the opportunity to ask questions.

Members were informed by the Licensing Team Leader that there were no representations from Durham Constabulary.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Committee Referral Report and responded to questions.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

At 10.20am the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 10.30am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a three month written warning.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his supporter who was also his witness to the meeting and introductions were made.

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The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Members were informed by the Licensing Team Leader that there were no representations from Durham Constabulary.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Committee Referral Report and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions. A witness then joined the meeting and was invited to give evidence and responded to questions from Members and Officers. The Licence Holder was also given the opportunity to ask questions and then the witness left the meeting.

The Licence Holder and his witness were both invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

At 11.20am the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 11.40am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a suspension of his hackney carriage driver licence for a minimum period of one month and that the Licence Holder undertakes an Anger Management Course before the suspension is lifted.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Committee Referral Report and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licence Holder was also given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder and his supporter were invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

At 12.40pm the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 12.50pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning to remain on file for a three month period.