

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, A Reed and A Surtees

Also Present:

C Hazell – Council's Solicitor

H Johnson – Licensing Team Leader

R Young – Licensing Enforcement Officer

N Anderson – Licensing Enforcement Officer

Sgt Dickinson – Durham Constabulary

PCSO Williams – Durham Constabulary

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor J Maitland.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and were 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 Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder, his Solicitor and Interpreter to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Local Services which requested Members to consider the 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 Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Representatives from Durham Constabulary were in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Licensing Holder and his Solicitor were invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Licence Holder's Solicitor provided a reference which was not considered by the Committee as it was produced too late during proceedings to be verified.

After Summing up the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.45 pm. After re-convening at 3.15 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be suspended for a 3 month period.

Mrs R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting
Mrs N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

That the item be deferred to a future meeting.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor

The Chairman welcomed the Proprietor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Local Services which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Proprietor to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Proprietor (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to answer questions.

Representatives from Durham Constabulary were in attendance and confirmed the information contained in the report.

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

The Proprietor indicated that he would be withdrawing from the meeting. At 4.07 pm the Proprietor left the meeting and was escorted by Durham Constabulary.

Councillor Carr indicated that due to the Proprietors comments towards him he was now prejudiced and withdraw from the meeting accordingly.

Councillor Carr withdrew from the meeting and Councillor Surtees took the Chair.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 4.15 pm. After re-convening at 4.20 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Hackney Carriage Proprietor licence be revoked under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.