

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors K Liddell and T Tucker

Also Present:

G Proud (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Stoker.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2018 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 Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Supporters to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that requested Members 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 presented the Licensing report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and took Members through the Enforcement Report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Enforcement Officer.

The Applicant and his Supporters were invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members.

The Licence Holder provided Members with copies of character references. The Licence Holder was advised that as the references had not been verified the appropriate weight would be attached.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.50 pm. After re-convening at 2.00 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no further action be taken.

Mr I Dargue, 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

Councillor T Tucker indicated that she recognised the Licence Holder. The Licence Holder confirmed that he did not know Councillor Tucker and was happy to proceed.

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

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.25 pm. After re-convening at 2.35 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no further action be taken.

Mrs N Anderson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, left the meeting

Mrs R Young, Licensing Enforcement Office, joined the meeting

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

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.05 pm. After re-convening at 3.25 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence be suspended for a 2 month period.