

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Darkes, A Hopgood and L Kennedy

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members in attendance.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder 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.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance to provide Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

The Licence Holder 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 10.15 am. After re-convening at 10.25 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

**M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting
R Young (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting**

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver, Private Hire Operator, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Holder

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

Councillor Hopgood left the meeting and Councillor Kennedy joined the meeting

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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