

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Brown, L Brown, C Hampson and D Hicks

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

L Cloney (Enforcement Team Leader – presenting the report on behalf of the Licensing Team Leader)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Councillor C Hampson (in the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

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 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.

5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Item Withdrawn.

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

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Solicitor 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 Enforcement Team Leader presented the report on behalf of the Licensing Team Leader and advised Members that Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that the information disclosed was correct and they had nothing further to add.

Members were provided with a copy of a reference that had been received yesterday from the Licence Holder's employer.

Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and took Members through the Enforcement Report and showed CCTV footage of one of the incidents. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Enforcement Officer.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.05 am. After re-convening at 11.15 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no further action be taken.