

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, J Maitland and T Tucker

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

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

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

PC Robinson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019 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 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a 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 which requested Members to consider the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader presented the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided 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 10.25 am. After re-convening at 10.50 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

7 Consideration of an Application to be Licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and his Supporters to the meeting and introduction were made.

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

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader presented the report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and outlined the Licensing Enforcement report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

The Applicant was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members. The Applicant's Supporters were then asked to address the Sub-Committee.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.30 pm. After re-convening at 12.45 pm, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be issued with a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.