

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, D Stoker and A Willis

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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 Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and provided Members with two references that the Licence Holder had provided and had been verified. 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.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that their records matched the details provided in the report.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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 Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked.

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Item withdrawn.

8 **Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder, his Supporter and Interpreter to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing 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.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that there was no trace on any of their systems.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.10 pm. After re-convening at 3.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no action be taken but the Licence Holder was asked to consider undertaking a locality test.