

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors S Durham, A Reed, A Willis and D Wood

Also Present:

G Proud – Council's Solicitor

M Haigh – Licensing Enforcement Officer

N Anderson – Licensing Enforcement Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no apologies for absence.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

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 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 to determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to outline the report and referred Members to three validated references received in support of the Licence Holder. Members and the Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to be represented at the meeting but had confirmed that the Police held no information on their systems with regard to the Licence Holder.

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

After summing up the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.40am. After re-convening at 10.50am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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

7 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine an application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

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

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.10am. After re-convening at 11.20am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted with a written warning for a 12 month period.

8 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair 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 to determine an application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and corrected that the date of conviction in respect of the offence set out in the report was 11 May 2017 and not 2019 as stated. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.30am. After re-convening at 11.35am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.