

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Batey, T Tucker and D Wood

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Clarke and I Mclean.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor T Tucker was substitute for Councillor M Clarke.

3 Declarations of interest, if any.

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The of the meeting held on 4 December 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.

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.

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 Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and outlined the options open to the Sub-Committee. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary had sent a statement which included further information with regards to matters outlined in the report.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.45pm.

After reconvening at 1.55 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved

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

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

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his witness to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and outlined the options open to the Sub-Committee. The Applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions. The witness made a statement with regards to matters outlined in the report.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.10 pm.

After reconvening at 2.15 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved

That the Private Hire Driver Licence be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a fit and proper person

8 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Licences

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

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the ongoing suitability of a Private Hire Operator Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and outlined the options open to the Sub-Committee. The Licence Holder and his representative were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder and his representative addressed the Sub-Committee and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.25pm.

After reconvening at 3.55 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved

That the Licence be suspended following a period of 21 days from the date the notice of decision is received, unless evidence is presented to the Licensing Authority to confirm that a breach of licensing policy has been rectified.