

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, P Jopling, B Kellett and A Reed

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Councillor J Bell (in the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Carr.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2020 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

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 were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that asked Members to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, 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.

Durham Constabulary had indicated that they were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that their records matched those set out in the report.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.05 am. After re-convening at 10.10 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 3 month period.

**I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting
N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting**

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Licence Holder was not in attendance and the Sub-Committee decided to proceed in his absence.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that asked Members to consider the ongoing 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 Officer presented the report and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.35 am. After re-convening at 10.40 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Drivers Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

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

The Licence Holder was not in attendance and the Sub-Committee decided to proceed in his absence.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that asked Members to consider 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 Officer presented the report and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.10 am. After re-convening at 11.15 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence be revoked.