

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Area General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (South and West Durham)** held in Council Chamber - Council Offices, Chester-le-Street on **Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 2.00 pm.**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bailey, D Brown, J Gray and G Huntington

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dorothy Bowman and Councillor David Farry

Also Present:

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader), J Kevan and R Langdon (Legal Officer)

Sgt Tim Robson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Declarations of Interest, if any.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2010.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2010 were approved subject to minute numbered B8, Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, being amended to read that the Sub-Committee's decision had been reached by a majority vote.

3 Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

There were no additional items of business to be considered in the open part of the meeting.

4 Application for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver.

The Chair welcomed the applicant to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which asked the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the application for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, a copy of

which had been circulated. The report included a copy of the applicant's CRB disclosure, application and driving licence.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Durham Constabulary. The applicant presented his case and responded to questions following which Members of the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate in private at 2.20 pm.

After reconvening at 2.30 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED

That the application for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted as the applicant was deemed to be a 'fit and proper' person.

5 Application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which asked the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, a copy of which had been circulated. The report included a copy of the applicant's CRB disclosure, application and driving licence.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Durham Constabulary. The applicant presented his case, and together with his representative responded to questions following which Members of the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate in private at 2.45 pm.

After reconvening at 2.50 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED

That the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted as the applicant was deemed to be a 'fit and proper' person.

6 Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Chair welcomed the applicant to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which asked the Sub-Committee to consider and determine any action necessary regarding a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, a copy of which had been circulated. Members were also provided with additional information regarding the applicant.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Durham Constabulary and a complainant. The applicant presented his case and responded to questions

following which Members of the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate in private at 3.10 pm.

After reconvening at 3.35 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be revoked as the applicant was not deemed to be a 'fit and proper' person.

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