

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors E Bell, J Blakey, D Hicks and D Stoker

Also Present:

S Grigor (Legal Officer) and H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader), J Ingham (Licensing Enforcement Officer) and S Bassi (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: That under section 100A(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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver

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

The Licence Holder provided Members of the Sub-Committee with five letters of support which were unable to be verified so the appropriate weight was attached.

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Team were in attendance to respond to questions from members of the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.25 am. After reconvening at 10.30 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period and his licence be suspended for 6 months but the suspension be suspended for a 6 month period.

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The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 10.55 am to obtain further information. The Sub-Committee re-convened at 11.55 am.

The Licence Holder provided the Sub-Committee with further information and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.15 pm. After reconvening at 12.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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