

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 1B, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 4 June 2014 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor C Carr (Chairman)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors P Crathorne, O Gunn, D Stoker and A Willis

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Solicitor) and H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members in attendance.

#### **3 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 17 and 24 March and 9 and 16 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Carr and Willis declared an interest in agenda item No. 8 and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

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

The Chairman advised Members that they would no longer be called as a witness at court for Hackney Carriage/Private Licence appeals.

**Councillor D Stoker (in the Chair)**

#### **6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Agenda Item No. 8)**

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

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 Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had no issues with the application.

The Licence Holder 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 10.15 am. After reconvening at 10.35 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.

**Councillor C Carr (in the Chair)**

**Councillor Gunn left the meeting**

**7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Agenda Item No. 7)**

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

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 Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had no issues with the application.

The Licence Holder 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 10.50 am. After reconvening at 11.00 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.

**8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (Agenda Item No. 9)**

The Applicant was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

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 Applicant to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had no issues with the application.

The Applicant 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 11.20 am. After reconvening at 11.25 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.

**9 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence  
(Agenda Item No. 10)**

The Applicant was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made.

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 Applicant to hold a Private Hire / Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had no issues with the application.

The Applicant 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 11.40 am. After reconvening at 11.45 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Applicant be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.