

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 30 July 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Crathorne, O Gunn, A Surtees and A Willis

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Glass and D Hicks.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor L Marshall and A Willis substituted for Councillors B Glass and D Hicks respectively.

3 Declarations of interest, if any.

Councillor A Surtees declared a prejudicial interest in item number 13 as she knew of the applicant and therefore withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the deliberation of the application.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2014 were declared as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 Application for a Collectors Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that item number 8 on the agenda had been adjourned following a request from the applicant.

7 Application for a Collectors Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Prior to the meeting, the Licensing Team Leader had provided Members with additional information, which was omitted from the original bundle of documentation circulated.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee about the concerns they had raised regarding the application.

The Applicant was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members.

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

Resolved:

That the application for a Collector's Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 be granted as the Applicant was deemed to be a suitable person.

8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee regarding his objection to the application.

The Applicant was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.50 am. After re-convening at 11.00 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be refused as the applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.

9 Application to Licence a 1969 Plymouth Fury

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application to Licence a Plymouth Fury (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Applicant was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.10 am. After re-convening at 11.05 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application to Licence a Plymouth Fury be approved for a period of up to 12 months.

10 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee regarding the application.

The Applicant presented his case and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.20 am. After re-convening at 11.25 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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

11 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee regarding his objection to the application.

The Applicant was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members. The Applicants representative addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of the applicant.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.40 am. After re-convening at 11.45 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be refused as the applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.

12 Application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

At this point Councillor Surtees withdrew from the meeting and did not return.

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representative from Durham Constabulary to address the Sub-Committee regarding the application.

The Applicant was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.00 pm. After re-convening at 12.05 pm, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be granted, subject to a 12 month written warning.