

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, D Hicks, A Surtees and A Willis

Also Present:

C Greenlay (Principal Solicitor)
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)
N Thornton (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
N Stoker (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
PCSO M Haigh (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 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 Site Licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

Item withdrawn.

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

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Partner 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 the ongoing 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 Team Leader presented the report and advised Members that the Licence Holder had indicated that he had been licenced since 1986 and not 1996 as stated in the report. The Licensing Team Leader responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representatives from Durham Constabulary and the Licensing Enforcement Team to address the Sub-Committee regarding the application.

The Licence Holder was invited to present his case and responded to questions from members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.30 am. After re-convening at 10.40 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder was considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence but he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

**8 Application for the ongoing suitability of a Private Hire Driver
Agenda Item No. 10**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder 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 the ongoing 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 Team Leader presented the report and advised Members that the application was in relation to a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence and not a Private Hire Driver Licence as stated in the report. The Licensing Team Leader responded to questions from Members.

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

The Licence Holder was invited to present her 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 10.55 am, the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder was considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence but she be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

**9 Application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver
Agenda Item No. 9**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Employer 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 the ongoing 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 Team Leader presented the report and responded to questions from Members.

The Chairman invited the representatives from Durham Constabulary and the Licensing Enforcement Team to address the Sub-Committee regarding the application.

The Licence Holder was invited to present 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 Licence Holder was considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence but he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.