

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 2.00 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor B Glass (Chairman)**

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

Councillors J Blakey, D Hicks and A Willis

### **Apologies:**

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

No apologies for absence had been received.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

#### **3 Declarations of interest, if any.**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014 were agreed 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 the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

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).

Additional information was submitted by the Licence Holder and circulated to Members. 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 comments regarding the application. The Licence Holder was invited to present his case and responded to questions from Members. In addition the Sub-Committee heard from a witness on behalf of the Licence Holder.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.30 pm. After re-convening at 2.40 pm, 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 suspended for a period of 12 months, however the suspension was also subject to a 12 month suspension period.

**7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

The Licencing Team Leader confirmed that the applicant had been granted an adjournment and the application would be considered at a later date.

**8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

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Additional information was submitted by the Licence Holder and circulated to Members. 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 comments 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 3.05 pm. After re-convening at 3.15 pm, 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 continued as the Licence Holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person, however this was subject to a 12 months written warning.