

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Members of the Committee:

Councillors K Hopper, D Stoker, A Surtees and A Willis

Also Present:

C Greenlay - (Principal Solicitor) - Agenda Item Nos. 1- 6 and 8

S Buston (Solicitor) - Agenda Item Nos. 7, 9 - 11

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

Sgt Tim Robson (Durham Constabulary)

G Keay (Licensing Team Leader)

S Bassi (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Councillor D Stoker was appointed Chairman

D Stoker (In the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D Bell and L Marshall.

2 Substitutes

Councillors K Hopper and D Stoker substituted for Councillors D Bell and L Marshall.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to a minor typing error.

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 involve 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 Driver
Agenda Item No.8**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder 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 ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and indicated that they would object to the continuation of the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.30 pm. After reconvening at 2.40 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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

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

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder 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 ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.00 pm. After reconvening at 3.05 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

That the item be deferred to a future meeting.

9 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant 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 be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

Additional information from the Applicant and the Licensing Team Leader was circulated to members of the Sub-Committee.

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and indicated that they would have objections to the granting of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The Applicant was given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 4.20 pm. After reconvening at 4.30 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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