

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)**

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

Councillors D Bell, E Bell, J Blakey and D Hicks

### **Also Present:**

S Grigor (Legal Officer)  
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)  
S Bassi (Licensing Enforcement Officer)  
Sgt Tim Robson (Durham Constabulary)  
DC Hawthorn (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Bell and K Hopper.

### **2 Substitutes**

Councillor E Bell substituted for Councillor J Bell and Councillor D Bell substituted for Councillor K Hopper.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor D Hicks declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 7

### **5 Exclusion of the Public**

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 Private Hire Driver**

That the item be deferred to the meeting scheduled to be held on 1 April 2015 as the Licence Holder was unable to attend.

Members suggested that the application be not deferred any further and it be heard in the absence of the Licence Holder if he was not in attendance at the next meeting.

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

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, Private Hire Driver and a Private Hire Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and indicated that they would have concerns but no objection to the continuation of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence and Private Hire Operator Licence.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.10 am. After reconvening at 10.15 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.

**S Bassi left the meeting**

**8 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and indicated that they would have concerns but no objection to the granting of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.40 am. After reconvening at 10.45 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

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