

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor B Glass (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, D Stoker, A Surtees and A Willis

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

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 18 February 2015 were confirmed 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 Driver

The Application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence was adjourned as the Licence Holder failed to attend the hearing.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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 and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report and the Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary gave a statement as a witness and responded to questions from the Licence Holder and Members.

The Enforcement Officer presented a statement and responded to questions from Members.

The Licence Holder presented their case and responded to questions from Members and the representative from Durham Constabulary was given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application at 10.55 a.m. After reconvening at 11.15 a.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

RESOLVED

That the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be continued subject to a 12 month suspension, however the suspension was suspended for a period of 12 months.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence was adjourned as the Licence Holder failed to attend the hearing.