

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor J Maitland (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell and K Hopper

Also Present:

H Johnson – Licensing Team Leader

S Grigor – Legal Officer

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Blakey and L Marshall.

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 13 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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 involved 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 and Private Hire Driver.

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and indicated that they would have concerns if the incidents referred to had been regular occurrences.

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

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.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his supporter to the meeting and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine an application for the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of Minutes).

A representative from Licensing Enforcement provided information in relation to the incident detailed in the report.

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided information in relation to matters concerning the Licence Holder.

At this point the persons involved in the incident were invited into the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee, providing their recollection of the incident as set out in their witness statements, and responded to questions.

The Licence Holder and his supporter then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.07am. After reconvening at 11.28am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

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

8 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Chair welcomed the applicant and introductions took place.

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided information in relation to matters concerning the Licence Holder and indicated that they had concerns but no objections to the continuation of the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.50 am. After reconvening at 12.05pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the renewal application be granted with a written warning for a 12 month period.