

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Boyes, P Crathorne, O Gunn and K Hopper

Also Present:

C Hazell (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

PCSO M Haigh (Durham Constabulary)

R Crawford (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Councillor O Gunn was appointed Chairman

O Gunn (In the Chair)

1 Apologies for Absence

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

2 Substitutes

Councillors O Gunn and P Crathorne substituted for Councillors J Bell and L Marshall.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Barrister 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 licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee in respect of the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and his Barrister were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder and his Barrister circulated various documents for members to consider. They then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from members.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.55 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 12 month period.

7 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.20 pm. After reconvening at 3.30 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: (i) That the Licence Holder be issued with a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence but he be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

(ii) That an appointment be made for the Licence Holder to receive a copy of the licensing policy and a member of the team talk him through the policy.