

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors I Geldard, K Hopper, T Nearney and A Willis

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Bell.

2 Substitutes

Councillor A Willis substituted for Councillor J Bell.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

Councillor I Geldard declared an interest in item numbered 8 on the Agenda and left the meeting before consideration of the application.

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 Chair 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 in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.07pm. After reconvening at 2.17pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 2 year period.

At this point Councillor Geldard left the meeting.

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

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his witness 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer and a representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and responded to questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.56pm. After reconvening at 3.12pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the suspension of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence remain in place, in the interest of public safety.

Members expressed their concern about the demeanour of the applicant.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Resolved:

That the item be deferred.