

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Maitland (Chair)**

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

Councillors D Hicks, D Stoker and A Willis

### **Also Present:**

S Grigor (Legal Officer)  
H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)  
G Keay (Licensing Team Leader)  
PCSO M Haigh (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor D Boyes.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 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.

**The Committee adjourned at 11.00 am for 5 minutes to enable the 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day to be observed.**

## **6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

### **Agenda Item No.8**

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

The Licensing Team Leader provided Members with details of a further offence which had been omitted from the report.

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters contained in the report and circulated additional information to Members. The Licence Holder and Members were given the opportunity to read the additional information and ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.35 am. After reconvening at 11.50 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

**G Keay, Licensing Team Leader left the meeting.**

## **7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

### **Agenda Item No. 7**

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder and his Supporter 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 Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

A representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters contained in the report. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.15 pm, After reconvening at 12.25 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be suspended but the suspension be suspended for a 12 month period.