

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, D Boyes, K Hopper and T Nearney

Also Present:

C Hazell (Legal Officer)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

S Lawrence (Licensing Enforcement Officer – Middlesbrough Council)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 November 2015 and 22 December 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 Renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

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

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader presented the enforcement report and Members heard from the witness, S Lawrence who then entered the meeting. The Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions. S Lawrence left the meeting.

On behalf of the Police, the Licensing Team Leader provided background information on the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.10 am. After reconvening at 11.30 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the application to renew the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be refused as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

Councillor Hopper left the meeting

L Cloney, Licensing Enforcement Team Leader left the meeting

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

On behalf of the Police, the Licensing Team Leader provided confirmation of the offence detailed in the report. The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.50 am. After reconvening at 11.55 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 3 month period.