

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 2.00 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)**

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

Councillors D Bell, P Crathorne and A Willis

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

Sgt M Urwin (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors K Hopper and T Nearney.

### **2 Substitutes**

Councillor A Willis was present as a substitute.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2016 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 100(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 Employer 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 the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader advised Members that the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage Driver Licence was now due for renewal.

The Licensing Enforcement Team Leader and a representative from Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matter detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.20 pm. After reconvening at 2.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Licence Holders suspension be lifted and his application to renew his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be granted.

(ii) That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period and that he undertake a CSE refresher training course within 3 months.

## **7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Grant Application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence**

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 the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and determine the application for the grant of a Private Hire Operator Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader provided members with copies of references that the Licence Holder had provided immediately before the meeting which had been verified.

Durham Constabulary provided background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.50 pm. After reconvening at 2.55 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Licence Holder be issued with a 6 months written warning.

(ii) That the Licence Holders application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted.