

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 8 June 2016 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Maitland (Chairman)**

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

Councillors J Blakey, K Hopper, T Nearney and A Willis

### **Also Present:**

C Hazell (Legal Officer)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hopper declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 9 and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

### **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 and Private Hire Driver**

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

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement which confirmed the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder was 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 10.25 am. After re-convening at 10.35 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a 12 month written warning.

**Councillor Hopper left the meeting.**

## **8 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 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).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer addressed the Sub-Committee with regard to the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Licence Holder were invited to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement which confirmed the matters detailed in the report. The Licence Holder was 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 11.40 am. After re-convening at 12.00 Noon the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage Licence be revoked with immediate effect as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

**9 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

Item deferred to a future meeting.