

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, J Maitland and D Stoker

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing – Team Leader)

I Dargue (Licensing – Enforcement Officer)

N Stoker (Licensing – Enforcement Officer)

PCSO M Haigh (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That under Section 100(A)(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.

5 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 Interim 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 Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report and responded to questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and gave details of previous convictions and motoring offences. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.30 pm. After re-convening at 2.50 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be suspended for 2 months.

Mr I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer) left the meeting

Ms N Stoker (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting

6 Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Interim Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the granting of a Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report and responded to questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report and provided details of a further motoring offence. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Applicant was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.20 pm. After re-convening at 3.50 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant's application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence be refused.