

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 2.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, P Crathorne and T Nearney

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Blakey.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitutes in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

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 Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director, Adult and Health Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to Members and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a statement. The Licence Holder and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative for Durham Constabulary provided Members with information with regards to matters as outlined in the report. The Licence Holder and Members 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 2.20 pm and after reconvening at 2.25 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That the Private Hire Driver Licence be granted as the applicant was deemed to be a fit and proper person.

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, Adult and Health Services which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to Members and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a statement. The Licence Holder and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative for Durham Constabulary provided Members with information with regards to matters as outlined in the report. The Licence Holder and Members 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 2.35 pm and after reconvening at 2.45 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken as the Licence Holder was deemed to be a fit and proper person.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder had requested an adjournment via the Licensing Team Leader. Members considered the reasons given by the applicant to request an adjournment were sufficient to reschedule to an alternative date.

Resolved:

That the application be adjourned until the next available Sub-Committee.