

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor T Nearney (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Bell, P Crathorne, B Glass and K Hopper

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest, if any

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting held on 18 October 2016 and the meeting held on 15 February 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

That under section 100 (A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader 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 Team Leader presented the report and some additional information which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer was invited to present their statement. The Licence Holder and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to a number of questions from Members and Officers.

A witness was invited to give evidence and responded to a number the Sub-Committee and the Licence Holder.

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

The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to sum-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.35 a.m.

After reconvening at 11.50 a.m. 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.

The Licensing Team Leader left the meeting at this point.

7 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested the Sub-Committee to consider and determine the application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and the Applicant's Solicitor was given the opportunity to ask questions. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from Durham Constabulary addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to a number of questions from Members and Officers.

The Applicant's Solicitor addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Applicant and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Applicant's Solicitor summed-up before the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.25 p.m.

After reconvening at 12.40 p.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committees decision.

Resolved

That the application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be refused as the Applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.

The Applicant became aggressive and verbally abusive towards the Chairman as he was delivering the Sub-Committee's decision and following the decision, was asked to, and escorted from the room by the Police Sergeant in attendance.