

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Atkinson, J Blakey, D Brown and C Hampson

Also Present:

S Buston (Solicitor)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Exclusion of the Public

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 Private Hire Driver

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

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director Adults and Health Services which requested Members to determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

Members were advised that 2 character references had been received one of which had been verified. The Council's Solicitor read out the references.

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.25 am. After re-convening at 10.30 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

That consideration of the application be deferred.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director Adults and Health Services which requested Members to determine the suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report and played the telephone conversation to Members. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.20 am. After re-convening at 11.30 am the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor

Item withdrawn