

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Considine, K Liddell, J Stephenson, D Stoker and A Willis

Councillor D Stoker in the Chair

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Marshall and A Surtees.

2 Substitutes

Councillor Willis substituted for Councillor Surtees.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5 and 6 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 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 of the Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Licensing Team Leader advised that the Licence Holder had requested an adjournment because of a family bereavement.

Members considered the request and **Resolved:**

That the hearing be adjourned.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members 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 was in attendance and took Members through the Enforcement Report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Although a representative was not in attendance, Durham Constabulary had confirmed the information given in the report in relation to the Licence Holder's motoring convictions.

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

After summing up the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.05pm. After re-convening at 2.20pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

Councillor Stephenson left the meeting.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to consider and determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver following a decision to suspend the licence on 5 April 2017 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Members were provided with a letter from the counselling service which confirmed that the Licence Holder was ready to return to full time employment.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.45pm. After re-convening at 2.50pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the suspension of the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be lifted.