

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors L Brown, C Hampson and K Liddell

Also Present:

K Coulson-Patel (Legal Officer)

H Johnson (Licensing Team Leader)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Stoker.

2 Substitutes

Councillor P Crathorne substituted for Councillor D Stoker.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 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

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 paragraph 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the 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.

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

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

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

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

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.10 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 6 month period.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

That consideration of the application be deferred.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45 am and re-convened at 11.45 am

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Licence Holder was given the opportunity to read the papers prior to the meeting. The Licence Holder was asked if he had being given sufficient time to read the papers, which he confirmed.

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

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services which requested Members to 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 Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report and Members and the Licence Holder were invited to ask questions.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written statement containing information held on their records and the Police National Computer and confirmed that the incident on the 25 July 2017 was out of time so was not recorded as a conviction.

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

All parties were invited to sum up then the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 12.35 pm. After re-convening at 12.55 pm the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person.