

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Chairman's Dining Room, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor J I Hutchinson
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS

W Pattison
G Roughead

C Seymour (Reserve)

OFFICERS

H Bowers
T Hardy
N Masson

Democratic Services Officer
Licensing Manager
Solicitor, Regulation

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Ian Hutchinson be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:-

(a) that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involved the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12(A) of the 1972 Act, and
(b) that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

Agenda Item 4, Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A

"information relating to any individual."

PART II

3. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY UNIT MANAGER

Case 18/01/18/378

The licence holder was in attendance.

The licence holder was asked to confirm his address.

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and explained that an issue had arisen associated with the licence holder's suitability to continue to hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

The licence holder provided additional information which was circulated to Members.

The Sub-Committee was asked to consider the application and the licence holder's representations along with the written and oral report of the Licensing Manager and relevant law and guidance policy to determine whether or not the licence holder was a fit and proper person to hold such licences.

The licence holder submitted his case in support of his application and then answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

Members of the Sub-Committee remained in the meeting to deliberate and make their decision and all others, except the legal advisor left the room.

When all were asked to return to the meeting the Chair read out a statement on behalf of the sub-committee:

The Sub-Committee have considered all of the representations before them and have determined to take no further action in respect of your licences.

The Sub-Committee were very concerned about the time taken to obtain a licence and that the licence holder came off medication without medical advice.

Reason:

The licence holder now had a medical certificate and accept the explanation that he did not deliberately mislead the Council and therefore consider that the licence holder is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

Case No. 09/01/18/377

The licence holder was not in attendance.

The Licensing Manager informed the Sub-Committee that an issue had arisen associated with the licence holder's suitability to continue to hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

The licence holder had contact Licensing to inform that she would not be attending the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered all representations before them and determined to **SUSPEND** the hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence until either:

- 1) The production of an acceptable medical certificate;
- 2) The expiration of the licence.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____