

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, 30 November 2018 at 10.00 am.**

PRESENT

Councillor J I Hutchinson
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS

B Crosby
W Pattison (Reserve)

K Stow

OFFICERS

H Bowers
M Bulman
T Hardy

Democratic Services Officer
Solicitor, Regulation
Licensing Manager

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor 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 No. 30.11.18/400

The Chair welcomed the licence holder. Introductions were made and the Chair explained the procedure to be followed.

The applicant was asked to confirm his address.

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

The sub committee was asked to consider the application and the applicant'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 applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

A statement and photographs were submitted by the applicant and were circulated to the sub-committee.

The applicant 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.

All returned to the meeting and the Chair declared that the sub committee had considered all of the representations made and information in the agenda papers and had determined to **GRANT** the renewal of the hackney carriage driver's licence, a private hire vehicle licence and a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

Reason:

The sub-committee felt this was a one off in the circumstances.

Case No. 01.11.18/399

The Chair welcomed the applicant, introductions were made and the Chair explained the procedure to be followed.

The applicant was asked to confirm his address.

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and explained that an issues had arisen associated with the applicant's suitability to continue to hold a hackney carriage driver's licence and a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

The sub committee was asked to consider the application and the applicant'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 applicant was a fit and proper person to continue to hold such a licence.

The applicant 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 has considered all representations and the material and guidance in the agenda papers and and has determined to **DEFER** the applications for renewal for a hackney carriage driver's licence and a hackney carriage vehicle licence until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____