

GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

PRESENT – Councillors Clarke, Donoghue, Dulston, Lee and K Nicholson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer), Brian Murray (Assistant Licensing Manager) and Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary)

LGS17 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Lee be elected Chair for the purpose of this meeting

LGS18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

LGS19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That, pursuant to Sections 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

LGS20 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE REVIEW (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 7)

The Director of Economic Growth submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a review of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of a new conviction for using a vehicle uninsured against third party risks.

The driver attended the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the above, as to why they felt that they were a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

RESOLVED – That the licence retained and the drive be issued with a final warning letter in respect of future conduct and warned that if any further convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands are received they would be referred immediately to the General Licensing Sub-Committee.