

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 27 March 2024** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors O Gunn and J Howey

Also Present:

M Haigh – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer
PC A Newcombe – Durham Constabulary
G Proud – Solicitor, Durham County Council

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Chaplow, A Reed and P Sexton.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor J Howey was present as substitute for Councillor A Reed.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting. Introductions were made and the meeting procedure was outlined.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to consider an application to be licensed as a private hire driver which was presented by the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer (for copy of report, see file of minutes). No questions were raised in respect of the report.

PC A Newcombe confirmed that no records were held in respect of the Applicant on police crime recording systems.

The Applicant made submissions to the Sub-Committee and answered questions. Following which, the Chair invited the parties to make their closing statements.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at approximately 2.00pm. On reconvening at approximately 2.10pm, the Chair delivered the decision of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

That the application to be licensed as a private hire driver be granted, with a written warning for a period of six months.