



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)

Date **Wednesday 29 July 2020**
Time **9.30 am**
Venue **Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held
remotely via Microsoft Teams**

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Substitutes.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Declarations of interest, if any
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
6. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

Part B

Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)

7. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 7 - 30)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham
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To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Councillors P Jopling, B Kellett, A Reed and A Willis

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday 6 July 2020 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, D Stoker and A Willis

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

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

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change that asked Members to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and provided Members with details of three references that the Licence Holder had provided, two of which had been verified. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided Members with information held on their systems. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After all parties had been given the opportunity of make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later today.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.00 am.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be given a twelve-month suspension on his application for a Private Hire Driver Licence.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday 6 July 2020 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, D Stoker and A Willis

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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 paragraphs 1,2,3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change that asked Members to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had indicated that they had no representation to put forward.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members heard from his manager who he had invited to join him in the meeting. The Licence Holder then responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After all parties had been given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later today.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.05 pm.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a six-month period.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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