



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**

**Date**      **Wednesday 22 July 2020**  
**Time**      **9.30 am**  
**Venue**     **Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held  
remotely via Microsoft Teams**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

#### **Items which are open to the Public and Press**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 30 June 2020 (Pages 3 - 6)
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 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 Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 7 - 32)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

**Helen Lynch**  
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County Hall  
Durham  
14 July 2020

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration  
Sub-Committee (3)**

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke, I McLean and T Tucker

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## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**  
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke and T Tucker

**Also Present:**

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

**1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

**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 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 the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage 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 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.

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 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 9.55 am.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be suspended for a period of three months, but the suspension be suspended for a twelve-month period.

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**  
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke, S Durham and T Tucker

### **Also Present:**

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P Crathorne declared an interest in and agenda item no. 6 and withdrew from the Chair and the meeting accordingly.

**Councillor A Batey (in the Chair)**

### **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 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.

## 5 **Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage 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 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.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and Members heard from two-character witnesses that the Licence Holder 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 1.55 pm.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be suspended for a period of three months, but the suspension be suspended for a twelve-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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