

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 22 July 2020 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

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

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

I Dargue – 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 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 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 and his character witnesses 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).

Members were informed that the complainant had advised that she was unable to attend.

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

The Police were not in attendance and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the information provided following Police checks.

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

The Chair lost connection and left the meeting during the Licence Holder's presentation and Councillor A Batey took the Chair.

Members then heard from the two character witnesses.

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 2.40pm.

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