



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

**Date**      **Wednesday 11 November 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 during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 22 July 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 an Application to be licensed as Private Hire Driver (Pages 7 - 20)
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  
3 November 2020

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

Councillor P Crathorne  
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 in Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 22 July 2020 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

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

**Also Present:**

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

R Young – 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 meetings held on 30 June 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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

## **6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint 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.

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

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee. 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 10.00am.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

## **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.

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

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