

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 11 December 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 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 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 were confirmed 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 and Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder, his Partner and Solicitor to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services 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 and his Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

Additional information provided by the Licence Holder's Solicitor was circulated to Members at the meeting.

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.35 am.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked.