



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

**Date** Tuesday 27 April 2021  
**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. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2021 (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 - 58)
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  
19 April 2021

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

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Councillors J Bell, P Jopling, J Maitland and D Stoker

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## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**  
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 8 January 2021 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Kellett, A Reed and A Willis

**Also Present:**

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

**1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members.

**3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 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 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 to determine 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 Licence Holder had asked for some of the points contained within the report to be amended, details of which were circulated to Members and Officers prior to the meeting.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and referred to the amendments by the Licence Holder. 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 were given the opportunity to make 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 in the day.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 9.50 am.

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

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**  
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 8 January 2021 at 1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors I McLean, A Reed and A Willis

**Also Present:**

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kellett.

### **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 everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Licence Holder was not in attendance.

Members asked for clarification as to the steps taken to ensure the Licence Holder was aware of the hearing. After receiving confirmation that reasonable steps had been taken to contact the Licence Holder, Members discussed whether they should proceed in the absence of the Licence Holder and agreed to proceed.

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 were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

After the Officer was given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.45 pm.

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

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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