



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)

Date Monday 22 February 2021
Time 9.30 am
Venue Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Press and Public

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 11 December 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 7 - 82)
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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County Hall
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12 February 2021

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

Councillors A Batey, M Clarke, P Crathorne, I McLean and
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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.

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 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

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

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

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 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Consideration of an Application to be Licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant 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 suitability of the Applicant 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 Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance to provide Members with background information in respect of the matters detailed in the report. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

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

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.20 pm.

Resolved: That the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be refused as the Applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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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