



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

**Date** Thursday 1 July 2021

**Time** 9.30 am

**Venue** Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

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### **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 7 and 9 April 2021 (Pages 3 - 8)
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 9 - 16)
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  
Durham  
23 June 2021

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

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Councillors L Brown, J Griffiths, C Hunt and D Stoker

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Remote Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**  
held via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 7 April 2021 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Kellett, J Maitland, A Reed and D Stoker

**1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitutes.

**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 and Private Hire Driver**

Members were informed that the Licence Holder had advised both the Senior Committee Services Officer and the Licensing Enforcement Officer that he wished to surrender his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver licence. He had been advised that this should be made formally in writing, and at 9.50 a.m. the Sub-Committee adjourned to allow the Licensing Enforcement Officer to contact the Licence Holder to seek written confirmation of this.

After re-convening at 10.15 a.m, the Licensing Enforcement Officer confirmed that the Licence Holder had now formally surrendered his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence in writing.

**RESOLVED:**

That the information be noted.

## DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 9 April 2021 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, B Kellett, I McLean and D Stoker

### **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Clarke.

### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor B Kellett was present as substitute for Councillor M Clarke.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.

### **5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.**

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 Driver and Private Hire Operator**

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider an application for the ongoing suitability of a Joint Driver and Private Hire Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place. The Councils Solicitor explained the procedure.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report and the Licence Holder confirmed that he was having issues with the sound quality and had not read the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 a.m. in order for the Licence Holder to read the report.

On reconvening at 10.20 a.m. the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from the Councils Contracts Services presented information relating to the matters outlined in the report.

The Licence Holder addressed the Committee with regards to matters outlined in the report and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum-up.

At 10.25 a.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private.

**Resolved:**

That the Joint Driver and Private Hire Operator Licences be revoked with immediate effect as the Applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**  
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 9 April 2021 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, B Kellett, I McLean and D Stoker

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Clarke.

#### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor B Kellet was present as substitute for Councillor M Clarke.

#### **3 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.**

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.

#### **4 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his supporter to the meeting and introductions took place. The Legal Officer explained the procedure.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider an application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A witness was called to the hearing and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions. The witness left and did not return to the meeting.

The Licence Holder and his supporter addressed the Sub-Committee with regards to matters outlined in the report and all parties were given the opportunities to ask questions.

At 2.50 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private.

**Resolved:**

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences be revoked as the Licence Holder was not deemed 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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