

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors B Coult, O Gunn and B Kellett

1 Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Deinali.

2 Substitutes.

Councillor B Kellett substituted for Councillor S Deinali.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Part 1 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 and his Representative 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 see file of minutes).

Since the papers had been circulated Members had been provided with a further character reference received by the Licensing Team which had been verified. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and the Licence Holder and his Representative, Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to sum up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.00am.

After re-convening at 10.30am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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

7 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 Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and the Licence Holder, Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to sum up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.55am.

After re-convening at 11.15am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licences be suspended for a period of two weeks.