

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors D Brown, B Coult and T Duffy

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors J Griffiths and O Gunn.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute members.

### **3 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 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 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 Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

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 2.20pm.

After re-convening at 2.35pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period and to familiarise himself with the terms of the Council's policy.

## **7 Consideration of an application to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and representatives from Durham Constabulary 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 suitability of the Applicant to be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

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

Representatives from Durham Constabulary were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and provide Members with information held on their systems. The Licence Holder, Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to sum up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.30pm.

After re-convening at 4.20pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the application be refused.