

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6 October
2021 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson, L Mavin and A Watson

Also Present:

Councillor L Mavin (Observer)

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Stoker.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and 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 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 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 Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report, 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 Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.00 am. After re-convening at 10.20 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Drivers Licence be suspended for the minimum of one month and the successful completion of the knowledge test.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

That consideration of the item be deferred until a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.