



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date Monday 21 February 2022

Time 9.30 am

Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Declarations of Interest (if any)
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 items containing 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 an Application to be Licensed as a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 5 - 30)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 31 - 62)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham
11 February 2022

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (2)**

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Councillors G Hutchinson, L Mavin, D Stoker and A Watson

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 12**
January 2022 at 9.30 am

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson, D Stoker and A Watson

Also Present:

Mrs G Proud (Council's Solicitor)

Mr I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Mavin.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Stoker declared that he had sat on the previous hearing for the application to be determined today.

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 Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his Partner 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 licenced as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance and presented the report correcting an inaccuracy at paragraph 5, the correct date being 18 November 2021. The Council's Solicitor and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers. Prior to the meeting the Licence Holder had provided two references which had been verified and circulated to Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.15 am. After re-convening at 10.50 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect in the interests of public safety.

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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