



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)

Date Monday 24 January 2022
Time 1.30 pm
Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021 (Pages 3 - 6)
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 Joint Driver (Pages 7 - 28)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver (Pages 29 - 46)
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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County Hall
Durham
14 January 2022

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

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Councillors P Atkinson, S Deinali, O Gunn and B Kellett

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Atkinson, C Hunt and B Kellett

Also Present:

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Deinali.

2 Substitute Members

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said 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 Council's Solicitor explained the procedure.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

In presenting the report, the Licensing Enforcement Officer corrected an inaccuracy at paragraph 2, the correct date being 8 October 2021 and corrected the Licence Holder's name which was stated incorrectly at paragraph 24. The parties asked the Licensing Enforcement Officer questions.

The Licences Holder's representative then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from the parties.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at 10.20 am. After re-convening at 10.30 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of 4 weeks.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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The Council's Solicitor explained the procedure.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and the parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and the parties asked the Licence Holder questions.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at 10.50 am. After re-convening at 10.55 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver be issued with a written warning for a period of 6 months.

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