

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors S Deinali, O Gunn and B Kellett

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Atkinson.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021

As the meeting scheduled to be held at 9.30am had been cancelled Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record and were 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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

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 all parties were invited to ask questions.

The Licence Holder 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 matter in private, at 1.45pm. After re-convening at 1.55pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

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

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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 informed the Sub-Committee that the Licence Holder had advised that he was not attending the meeting and wished to surrender his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The content of the e-mail received from the Licence Holder was read out for the benefit of the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and referred to the statement from the Police at Appendix 2, which Members noted. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Legal Officer referred Members to the relevant section of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy at Appendix 3.

At 2.15pm the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private. After re-convening at 2.20pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

RESOLVED:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.