



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)

Date **Wednesday 8 September 2021**
Time **9.30 am**
Venue **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham**

Business

Part A

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's
agreement.**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any.
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 1 July 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 Private Hire Driver (Pages 7 - 56)
8. 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
31 August 2021

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

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)
Councillors P Atkinson, J Griffiths, G Hutchinson and D Stoker

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Thursday 1 July 2021 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors L Brown, J Griffiths, C Hunt and D Stoker

Also Present:

G Proud (Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 9 April 2021 were agreed 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Licence Holder had not attended the hearing and on consideration of matters outlined in the report, the Sub-Committee determined to consider the report in the absence of the Licence Holder.

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 hackney carriage and private hire driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

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

The Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate in private at 9.45am. After reconvening at 9.55, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence be revoked.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)**
held in the **Council Chamber** on **Thursday 1 July 2021** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Sub- Committee:

Councillors L Brown, J Griffiths, C Hunt and D Stoker

Also Present:

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of interest, if any

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5 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 the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a hackney carriage driver and private hire driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions. Thereafter, the Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After the parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision.

The Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate the application in private.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence be revoked.

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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