

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors D Stoker and C Hunt

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2 Substitute Members

Councillor C Hunt was present as substitute.

3 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information.

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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider an application for the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer advised that despite various attempts to make contact with the Licence Holder, he had not responded at all during the investigation. She confirmed that notice of the hearing had been hand delivered.

The Sub-Committee resolved to hear the application in the absence of the Licence Holder and the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

At 1.40 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 1.45 p.m. the Chair delivered the decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences be revoked with immediate effect.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider an application for the ongoing suitability of a Private hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

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 (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.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

Both parties were given the opportunity to sum up and at 2.20 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private and at 2.35 p.m. the Chair delivered the decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a 12 month written warning.