



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date **Wednesday 18 May 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. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 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 the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 5 - 22)
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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Durham
10 May 2022

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

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Councillors P Atkinson, C Hunt, B Kellett and L Mavin

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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 6 April 2022 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor D Stoker (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey (substitute for G Hutchinson) and B Kellett

Also Present:

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors L Brown, G Hutchinson and L Mavin.

2 Substitutes

Councillor J Blakey was substitute for Councillor G Hutchinson.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 February 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 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 see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report. The Licence Holder and his representative, Members and the Council's Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The Licence Holder and his representative was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.50 pm. After re-convening at 3.20 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be suspended for 3 weeks.

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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