



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)

Date Tuesday 21 June 2022
Time 9.30 am
Venue Council Chamber, 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 4 May 2022 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Declarations of interest
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair 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 Joint Driver (Pages 7 - 44)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall
Durham
13 June 2022

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Councillors J Chaplow, O Gunn, B Kellett and D Stoker

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 4 May 2022** at **9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor D Brown in the Chair

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors B Coult and A Watson

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Duffy and D Stoker.

2 Substitutes

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022 were agreed 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 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 Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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 Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

In presenting the report, The Licensing Enforcement Officer updated the Sub-Committee that the Licence Holder, of his own volition, completed the Licensed Driver Improvement Scheme on 26 April 2022.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and the parties were given the opportunity to ask 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 9.50 am. After re-convening at 10.00 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver be given a written warning for a period of 12 months.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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 Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

In presenting the report, the Licensing Enforcement Officer referred to a typographical error at paragraph 6 and clarified the correct date was 25/12/2021. 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 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of six months, with the suspension to be suspended for a period of six months.

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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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