

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 30 November 2022** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors T Duffy, J Griffiths and O Gunn

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Hunt.

2 Substitutes

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

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 an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change for an application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and questions were invited. The Licensing Enforcement Officer responded to questions from the Council's Lawyer which included clarifying that the date referred to in paragraph 5 of the report was a typographical error and the correct date was 9 May 2022.

The Applicant then addressed the Sub-Committee and answered questions.

The parties were given the opportunity to sum-up and the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at approximately 1.55 pm. The meeting re-convened at approximately 2.05 pm and the Chair delivered the decision of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

That the licence be granted.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint 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 consider the ongoing suitability of a joint driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and responded to questions.

The Sub-Committee viewed dashcam footage in respect of the first matter under consideration and the Licensing Enforcement Officer clarified that whilst the footage showed the time of the incident as 15:13hrs, the clock in the vehicle was displaying BST and the actual time of the incident was 16:13hrs. The Sub-Committee also viewed CCTV footage in respect of the second matter under consideration.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and answered questions.

The parties were given the opportunity to sum-up and the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at approximately 2.50 pm. The meeting re-convened at approximately 3.05 pm and the Chair delivered the decision of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a period of 12 months.