

## **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 8 March 2023** at **1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Sub-Committee:**

Councillors J Griffiths, C Hunt and R Potts

**Also present:**

I Dargue – Licensing Enforcement Officer

C Hazell – Council's Solicitor

PC A Newcombe – Durham Constabulary

Licence Holder

Prior to the formal business of the Sub-Committee, one minute's silence was observed. as a mark of respect to the serving Chair of the Council, Councillor Beaty Bainbridge, who died on 27 February 2023.

### **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor O Gunn.

### **2 Substitutes**

No substitute members were in attendance.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 30 November 2022 and 13 February 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Declarations of interest**

Councillor R Potts declared a prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 and withdrew from the meeting.

## **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 Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change regarding 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 outlined the report and he also drew the Sub-Committee's attention to the additional information circulated which confirmed that there were two speeding matters against the Licence Holder and the Licence Holder attended a speed awareness course in 2021 which he omitted in his interview with the Licensing Enforcement Officer. CCTV footage of the incident was shown to the Sub-Committee. The Licensing Enforcement Officer then answered questions from the parties.

PC A Newcombe provided background information on the incident and details of a further local crime recording. He then answered questions from the parties.

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

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate in private at approximately 2.15pm. On re-convening at approximately 3.20pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended with immediate effect, pending completion of an anger management course.