

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6 July 2022**
at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors I Cochrane, L Mavin, D Stoker and D Sutton-Lloyd

Also Present:

Ms S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

Mrs N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 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.

5 **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 to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to present the report. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance and confirmed the information held on their records. There were no questions of the Officer.

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

At 2.05 pm, the Council's Solicitor asked for the Sub-Committee to be adjourned to allow her to give advice to Members.

The meeting re-convened at 2.10 pm and Members were provided with details of information contained on Durham Constabulary's Police National Computer. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.20 pm. After re-convening at 2.35 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be suspended for one month and a 12-month written warning be issued for the vehicle licenses.