



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date **Wednesday 14 December 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. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 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 - 52)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver (Pages 53 - 78)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

Helen Lynch
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall
Durham
6 December 2022

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

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Councillors P Atkinson, L Mavin, D Stoker and D Sutton-Lloyd

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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 2**
November 2022 at 1.30 pm

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors L Mavin, D Stoker and D Sutton-Lloyd

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Chaplow.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Any Other Business

As the meeting to be held at 9.30 am was cancelled, Members were asked to agree the Minutes of the meetings held on 6 July 2022 and 29 July 2022.

Members agreed the Minutes as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

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 to determine the 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 invited to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The Chair then asked the complainant who was accompanied by her sister to join the meeting who responded to questions. The complainant and her sister then left the meeting and took no further part in the hearing.

The Licence Holder prepared a statement that was circulated to all parties prior to the meeting. The Licence Holder was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.00 pm. After re-convening at 2.20 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be revoked as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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