



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**

**Date**      **Wednesday 8 February 2023**

**Time**      **1.30 pm**

**Venue**    **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham**

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### **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 14 December 2022 (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Declarations of Interest (if any)
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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator Licence (Pages 5 - 30)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver to hold a licence from Durham County Council (Pages 31 - 62)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham  
31 January 2023

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

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Councillors P Atkinson, J Chaplow, T Duffy and C Hunt

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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 14 December 2022 at 1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors D Stoker and D Sutton-Lloyd

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Atkinson.

**2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

**3 Minutes**

The minutes were agreed as a correct and accurate 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 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 who was accompanied to the meeting by his solicitor 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 Licensing Enforcement Officer then introduced the complainant to the Sub-Committee who was invited to make representations. The complaint then left the meeting and took no further part in the hearing.

At this point the Sub-Committee adjourned at 1.56 pm to seek clarification from the Legal Officer before re-convening at 2.15 pm

The Licence Holder's Solicitor addressed the Committee. The Licence Holder was then responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.35 pm. After re-convening at 2.50 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended until the completion of Disability Awareness Course.

## **7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder who was accompanied to the meeting by his solicitor 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 Private Hire 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 Licence Holder's Solicitor addressed the Committee. The Licence Holder then responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 3.20 pm. After re-convening at 3.50 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a six month written warning.

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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