

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson and R Potts

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Atkinson and C Hunt.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2022 were agreed as a correct 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 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 Private Hire Driver

The Licensing Officer informed Members that the Licence Holder would not be present for the hearing. The Licensing Team were notified on the 27 September 2022 that the Licence Holder had been disqualified from driving for 6 months. Members discussed the matter and agreed to proceed in the Licence Holder's absence.

The Sub-Committee considered a 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 Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.35 pm. After re-convening at 1.40 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked with immediate effect.