

## **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 April 2023 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Blakey (Chair)**

### **Members of the Sub-Committee:**

Councillors C Hunt and M Wilson (Substitute)

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

L Clooney (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

PC A Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Atkinson, B Kellett and L Mavin.

### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 Exclusion of the Public**

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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

### **5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Holder**

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

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 Joint Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and indicated that Durham Constabulary had provided additional information that had been circulated to all parties prior to the meeting. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and play video footage of the incident. The Licence Holder, Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask question.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 2.50 pm. After re-convening at 3.15 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holders Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect as he was not considered to be a fit and proper person to continue to be licensed.