

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**  
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Friday 29 July 2022 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors D Brown, O Gunn and D Sutton-Lloyd

**Also Present:**

S Grigor (Council Solicitor)

L Ball (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 and Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder who was accompanied by his employer 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 and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and advised Members that Durham Constabulary had been consulted on the application and had no further information to provide but were unable to carry out a search on PentiP. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

The Licence Holder's employer left the meeting at 10.00 am.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.05 am. After re-convening at 10.30 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be suspended for three months but the suspension be suspended.

(ii) The Licence Holder was strongly advised to attend a Child Sexual Exploitation and Safeguarding Course.