

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Mavin (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors B Coult and B Kellett

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Potts and D Sutton-Lloyd.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor B Kellett was in attendance as a substitute Member.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 September 2023 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and 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 Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and advised Members that the Licence Holder had booked onto a Driving Awareness Course. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 1.50 pm. After re-convening at 2.00 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: (i) That the Licence Holder's Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be suspended pending the successful completion of the Driver Awareness Course.

(ii) That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a period of 12 months.