



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date **Wednesday 29 November 2023**
Time **1.30 pm**
Venue **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham**

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the meetings held on 6 September 2023 (Pages 3 - 10)
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 (Pages 11 - 36)
8. 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
21 November 2023

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

Councillor L Mavin (Chair)

Councillors B Coult, R Potts, W Stelling and D Sutton-Lloyd

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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 6**
September 2023 at 9.30 am

Present:

Councillor L Mavin (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Atkinson, B Coult and D Sutton-Lloyd

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P Sexton.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 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 items of business on the grounds

that they involve 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 Granting of a Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his Supporter to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to consider granting a Private Hire Driver licence to the Applicant (for copy of report, 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 Applicant and his Supporter 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 9.45 am. After re-convening at 9.55 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver, Private Hire Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Holder/Vehicle Licenses

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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 hold Private Hire Vehicle licences, a Private Hire Operators licence and Private Hire Driver licence (for copy of report, 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 Licence Holder was 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 10.20 am. After re-convening at 10.50 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Vehicle licences, Private Hire Operators licence and Private Hire Driver licence be revoked with immediate effect.

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At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 6**
September 2023 at 1.30 pm

Present:

Councillor L Mavin (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Atkinson, B Coult, P Sexton and D Sutton-Lloyd

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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 Driver

Agenda Item No.7

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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 Driver (for copy of report, 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 Licence Holder was 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 1.45 pm. After re-convening at 1.50 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a three month period.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver

Agenda Item No.6

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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 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.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 2.30 pm. After re-convening at 2.50 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a three month period.

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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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