



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date **Wednesday 17 January 2024**

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 meeting held on 29 November 2023 (Pages 3 - 4)
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 Joint Driver (Pages 5 - 24)
8. Consideration of an Application to be Licensed as a Private Hire Driver (Pages 25 - 42)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall
Durham
9 January 2024

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

Councillor L Mavin (Chair)

Councillors L Brown, 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 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.

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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