



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)

Date **Wednesday 20 September 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 5 July 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)
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 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 7 - 24)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (Pages 25 - 78)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

Helen Bradley
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall
Durham
12 September 2023

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (3)**

Councillor I McLean (Chair)

Councillors A Batey, J Chaplow, O Gunn and A Reed

Contact: Jo March

Tel: 03000 269709

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 July 2023 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor I McLean (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson and A Reed

Also Present:

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor O Gunn.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were agreed as a correct records 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 Private Hire Driver

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 Private Hire Driver (for copy 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 respond 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 10.00 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a twelve-month written warning and to complete the Durham County Council Licensed Driver Improvement course within 6 weeks.

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 July 2023 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor I McLean (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson and A Reed

Also Present:

C Hazell (Council's Solicitor)

L Ball (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor O Gunn.

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 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 Private Hire Driver to hold a licence from Durham County Council

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 Private Hire Driver (for copy 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 respond 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 1.40 pm. After re-convening at 1.55 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a twelve-month written warning.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver to hold a licence from Durham County Council

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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy 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 respond 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 2.15 pm. After re-convening at 2.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a twelve-month written warning.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank