

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor I McLean (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors B Coult and J Griffiths (substitute for P Atkinson)

Also Present:

S Buston (Durham County Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer)

S Stoker (Licensing Enforcement Officer) (observer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Atkinson, C Hunt and P Sexton.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor J Griffiths was substitute for Councillor P Atkinson.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 September and 13 December 2023 were agreed as 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 Joint Hackney Carriage and 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 Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Senior 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 10:00 am. After reconvening at 10:15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Operators Licence and Joint Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be revoked.

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Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 3 month period.