

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 19 July 2023** at **1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Brown (Chair)**

**Members of the Sub-Committee:**

Councillors L Brown, R Potts and W Stelling

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

No substitute members were in attendance.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 June 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

### **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 Driver**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change regarding the ongoing suitability of a licence holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

N Anderson, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer, outlined the report and corrected a typographical error at paragraph 15, clarifying that the correct date was 24 June 2023. The Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer then answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

PC A Newcombe of Durham Constabulary was in attendance and provided information relating to the incident of June 2023 and details of crime system and PNC records.

The Sub-Committee (Councillors D Brown, L Brown and R Potts) then retired to deliberate the matter in private at approximately 1.50 pm and at approximately 2.05 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the licence holder's Hackney Carriage driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect.

**7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver**

The Chair welcomed the licence holder to the meeting and the parties introduced themselves.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change regarding the ongoing suitability of the licence holder to continue to be licensed as a joint driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

M Haigh, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer, outlined the report and he referred the Sub-Committee to the character reference received in respect of the licence holder which was received after the papers for the meeting were circulated.

The licence holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and answered questions from the parties.

All parties then summed-up and the Sub-Committee (Councillors D Brown, L Brown and R Potts) retired to deliberate the matter in private at approximately 2.30 pm.

On re-convening at approximately 2.45 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the licence holder be issued with a written warning for a period of three months.

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After the parties had summed-up, the Sub-Committee (Councillors D Brown, L Brown and R Potts) retired to deliberate the matter in private at approximately 2.55 pm.

On re-convening at approximately 3.05 pm, the Chair delivered the decision of the Sub-Committee.

**Resolved:**

That the licence holder be issued with a written warning for a period of one month.