



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)

Date Wednesday 19 July 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. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meetings held on 7 June 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Declarations of interest
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 Driver (Pages 7 - 30)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver (Pages 31 - 58)
9. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver (Pages 59 - 80)
10. 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
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11 July 2023

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Councillors L Brown, R Potts and W Stelling

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 1A , County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Atkinson, J Griffiths and B Kellett

Also Present:

C Hazel (Durham County Council Solicitor)

M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 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 Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his representative 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 Hackney Carriage 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 and his representative were 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 9.45am. After re-convening at 9.50am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That no action be taken.

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5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his representative 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and clarified that consideration was for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder and his representative were 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 2.00pm. After re-convening at 2.50pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

Councillor J Griffiths left the meeting

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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 3.10pm. After re-convening at 3.15pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a period of six-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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