



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)

Date Wednesday 3 January 2024

Time 9.30 am

Venue Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitutes
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2023 (Pages 3 - 4)
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 5 - 12)
8. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 13 - 32)
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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21 December 2023

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

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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 4 October 2023** at **9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors L Brown, G Hutchinson and B Kellett

Also Present:

N Anderson – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

S Grigor – Council's Solicitor

C Parry – Licensing Officer (observer)

Licence Holder and their support person

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor R Potts.

2 Substitutes

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 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 Private Hire Driver

The Sub-Committee welcomed the Licence Holder and their support person to the meeting and introductions were made. The Sub-Committee then 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 Private Hire driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

Nicola Anderson, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer, outlined the report. The parties were invited to ask questions and the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer responded to a question from the Council's Solicitor.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

After all parties had summed-up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate, in private, at 9.40am.

On re-convening at 9.50am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

- a) That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a period of 3 months.
- b) That the Licence Holder complete the Driver Improvement Scheme within 1 month.

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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