



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)

Date Wednesday 16 April 2025

Time 9.30 am

Venue Committee Room 2

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2025 (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Declarations of Interest (if any)
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman 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 an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (Pages 5 - 32)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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8 April 2025

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (2)**

Councillors L Brown, G Hutchinson, B Kellett, P Sexton and
D Sutton-Lloyd

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 3 March 2025** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors L Brown, B Coult, B Kellett and A Reed

Also Present:

Z Deagle – Council's Solicitor

N Andersen – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

1 **Appointment of Chair**

In the absence of the Chair, nominations were sought for a Chair for the meeting.

Councillor L Brown was proposed for the appointment of Chair, no further proposals were made.

Resolved: That Councillor L Brown be appointed Chair for the meeting.

Councillor L Brown (in the Chair)

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Atkinson.

3 **Substitute Members**

Councillors B Kellett and A Reed were in attendance as Substitute Members.

4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

6 **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 items 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.

7 **Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Operator**

That consideration of the Item be deferred to a future meeting.

8 **Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his Solicitor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and provided Members with the options open to the Sub-Committee.

All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Applicant and his Solicitor were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded 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 2.10 pm. After re-convening at 2.33 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: (i) That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence.

(ii) That the Applicant be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.

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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