

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Blakey (Chair)**

### **Members of the Sub-Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, B Kellett and D Sutton-Lloyd

### **Also Present:**

F Swift (Solicitor – Litigation)

S Stoker (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

PC Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2024 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 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 was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond to questions from Members and Officers.

PC Newcombe addressed the Sub-Committee with additional information.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make closing statements, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 2.15pm. After reconvening at 2.28pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period but was still able to operate as a hackney carriage operator.

## **7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Licensing Enforcement Officer advised that this report had been withdrawn.