



General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)

Date **Wednesday 18 September 2024**
Time **1.30 pm**
Venue **Committee Room 1A , County Hall, Durham**

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 10 July 2024 (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 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 - 32)
8. Consideration of the Grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence (Pages 33 - 52)
9. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Director of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall
Durham
10 September 2024

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration
Sub-Committee (3)**

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Councillors A Batey, B Kellett, A Reed and P Sexton

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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.

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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