

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 2.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors L Brown and G Hutchinson

Also Present:

S Buston – Lawyer (Litigation)

I Dargue – Licensing Enforcement Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Kellett and P Sexton.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information

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 Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and showed video footage of the test purchase operation and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers and supplied further comments about the video footage of the test purchase operation.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make closing statements, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 3pm. After reconvening at 3.10pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the hackney carriage licence be **REVOKED**.