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 September 2019 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Members of the Committee:
Councillors A Batey, M Clarke and D Wood

Also Present:
G Proud (Council's Solicitor)
M Haigh (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor I McLean.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 Exclusion of the Public

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.

6 Consideration of an Application to be Licensed as a Private Hire Driver

Agenda Item No. 8

The Chair introduced the Applicant to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the application for the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and advised Members that the Applicant had provided a reference which had been verified. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had been consulted on the application.

The Applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and then responded to questions from Members and Officers.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.45 pm. After re-convening at 1.55 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.

7 Consideration of an Application to be Licensed as a Private Hire Driver

Agenda Item No. 5

The Chair introduced the Applicant and his Supporters to the meeting and introductions took place.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to determine the application for the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and circulated to Members copies of references that the Applicant had provided, two of which had been verified. Members and the Applicant were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had been consulted on the application and had confirmed the details provided in the report.

The Applicant and his supporters addressed the Sub-Committee and then responded to questions from Members and Officers.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.25 pm. After re-convening at 2.35 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence as he was considered to be a fit and proper person.

8 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Licence Holder did not attend the meeting.

Members agreed to consider the application in his absence.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report, Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.55 pm. After re-convening at 3.00 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.