

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 10.00 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor C Carr (Chair)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors J Maitland, I McLean, A Reed and D Stoker

### **Also Present:**

S Grigor (Council's Solicitor)

N Gill (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 16 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor I McLean declared an Interest in Agenda Item No. 7 and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

### **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 they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2,3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his Supporter to the meeting and introductions were made.

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

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report. Members and the Licence Holder and his Supporter were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary had indicated that they were unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that their records matched those set out in the report.

The Licence Holder and his Supporter were invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

The Licence Holder provided some information to support his application, a copy of which was provided to Members.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.20 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:** That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.