

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor C Carr (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Bell, J Maitland, A Reed and D Wood

Also Present:

G Proud (Council's Solicitor)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Team Leader)

Sgt C Dickenson (Durham Constabulary)

PC I Robertson (Durham Constabulary)

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 18 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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.

Councillor J Bell withdrew from the Meeting

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

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

The Chair advised the Licence Holder that all Members had read the circulated additional information and had viewed the footage of the incident.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change that asked Members to consider the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of Minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and advised Members that all the circulated character references had been verified except for one. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was in attendance to present her statement that had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

After all parties had been given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Chair asked all parties whether they had had a fair hearing, and all responded to say that it had been fair.

The Chair then advised the Licence Holder that the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later today.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.30 am.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect in the interests of public safety.