

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 8 January 2021 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors I McLean, A Reed and A Willis

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kellett.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 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.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Licence Holder was not in attendance.

Members asked for clarification as to the steps taken to ensure the Licence Holder was aware of the hearing. After receiving confirmation that reasonable steps had been taken to contact the Licence Holder, Members discussed whether they should proceed in the absence of the Licence Holder and agreed to proceed.

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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

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

After the Officer was given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.45 pm.

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