

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Friday 9 April 2021 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors A Batey, B Kellett, I McLean and D Stoker

### **1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Clarke.

### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor B Kellett was present as substitute for Councillor M Clarke.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 22 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.

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

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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

### **6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Joint Driver and Private Hire Operator**

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services to consider an application for the ongoing suitability of a Joint Driver and Private Hire Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions took place. The Councils Solicitor explained the procedure.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report and the Licence Holder confirmed that he was having issues with the sound quality and had not read the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 a.m. in order for the Licence Holder to read the report.

On reconvening at 10.20 a.m. the Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Report. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

A representative from the Councils Contracts Services presented information relating to the matters outlined in the report.

The Licence Holder addressed the Committee with regards to matters outlined in the report and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions.

All parties were given the opportunity to sum-up.

At 10.25 a.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private.

**Resolved:**

That the Joint Driver and Private Hire Operator Licences be revoked with immediate effect as the Applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.