

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**
held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors J Blakey, B Kellett and A Reed

Also Present:

S Buston – Council's Solicitor

N Anderson – Licensing Enforcement Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Bell, J Maitland and D Stoker.

2 Substitutes

Councillors J Blakey, B Kellett and A Reed substituted for Councillors J Bell, J Maitland and D Stoker.

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 Private Hire Driver

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

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine 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, Members, the Licence Holder and her Representative were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

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

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that Members of the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later in the day.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.05 pm.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a twelve-month written warning and advised to attend the next appropriate safeguarding course and to familiarise herself with the terms of the Council's policy.