

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Thursday 22 July 2021**
at **11.00 am**

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors C Hunt and D Stoker

Also Present:

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

N Anderson (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 meeting held on 8 June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and 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.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

That consideration of the item be deferred until a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

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

The Licence Holder was not in attendance at the meeting.

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 in his absence.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that asked 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 and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

After Summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.10 am. After re-convening at 11.25 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

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