

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)**
held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 17
November 2021 at 1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson and L Mavin

Also Present:

C Hazel (Council's Solicitor)
N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Stoker and A Watson.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 October 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

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder 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, Officers and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Chair then asked the complainants to join the meeting who responded to questions. The complainants then left the meeting and took no further part in the hearing.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers. The Licence Holder provided members with a character reference and a letter from Durham Constabulary, the Licensing Enforcement Officer verified the character reference.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 2.10 pm. After re-convening at 2.20pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended for 3 months but this be suspended for a 12-month period.