DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 21 February 2022 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor L Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:
Councillors G Hutchinson, L Mavin and D Stoker

Also Present:
S Buston (Council's Solicitor)
L Ball (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Watson.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillor L Mavin declared an interest in Agenda Item No.8 and remained in the meeting during consideration thereof.

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 an Application to be Licensed as a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant 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 application for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to present the report. The Applicant, Members and the Council's Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The Applicant was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.00 am. After re-convening at 10.10 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Applicant be granted a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence and be issued with a 6 month written warning.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer was in attendance to present the report and advised Members that the Licence Holder had provided some videos of his vehicle that would be shown to Members during the adjournment. The Licence Holder, Members and the Council's Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Enforcement Officer.

The Licence Holder was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.40 am. After re-convening at 10.55 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no further action be taken.