

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 4 May 2022** at **9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor D Brown in the Chair**

**Members of the Sub-Committee:**

Councillors B Coult and A Watson

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Duffy and D Stoker.

### **2 Substitutes**

No substitute members were in attendance.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **5 Exclusion of the public**

**Resolved:**

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 Hackney Carriage Driver**

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

The Council's Solicitor explained the procedure.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the ongoing suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

In presenting the report, The Licensing Enforcement Officer updated the Sub-Committee that the Licence Holder, of his own volition, completed the Licensed Driver Improvement Scheme on 26 April 2022.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and the parties were given the opportunity to ask the Licence Holder questions.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at 9.50 am. After re-convening at 10.00 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the Hackney Carriage Driver be given a written warning for a period of 12 months.

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In presenting the report, the Licensing Enforcement Officer referred to a typographical error at paragraph 6 and clarified the correct date was 25/12/2021. The parties were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Licence Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee and the parties asked the Licence Holder questions.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application, in private, at 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of six months, with the suspension to be suspended for a period of six months.