

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 19 July 2022 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor J Blakey (Chair)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors P Atkinson, J Griffiths, C Hunt and G Hutchinson

### **Also Present:**

S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

L Cloney (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

Sgt I Robertson (Durham Constabulary)

PC A Newcombe (Durham Constabulary)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

## **6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Operator**

The Licence Holder was not present. The Licensing Enforcement Officer advised that she had contacted the Licence Holder on numerous occasions informing him of the hearing date, however he had not confirmed whether he would be attending the hearing. The Licence Holder provided additional information prior to the meeting which was circulated to Members at the meeting (for copy see file of minutes).

The Sub-Committee retired to determine whether to proceed in the absence of the Licence Holder. On consideration, the Sub-Committee determined to proceed with hearing in the absence of the Licence Holder.

The Chair welcomed representatives from Durham Constabulary to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered a 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 and Private Hire Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The representative from Durham Constabulary was then 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 Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 2.15 pm. After re-convening at 2.25 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked with immediate effect and the Licence Holder's Private Hire Operator Licence be revoked.