

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors T Duffy, J Griffiths and O Gunn

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Hunt

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An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cathy Hunt

2 Substitutes

No substitute Members were in attendance

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said 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 Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change as to 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 responded to questions from the parties.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer brought the Complainant into the meeting, the Complainant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from the parties. The Complainant then left the meeting and took no further part.

The License Holder then addressed the Sub-Committee responded to questions from the parties.

Closing statements were made and the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 10.50 am.

After re-convening at 11.15 am, the Chair delivered the Sub Committee's decision

Resolved:

That no further action be taken.

7 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and the Applicant's representative to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change for the grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and informed Members all references had been verified before responding to questions from the parties.

The Applicants representative then addressed the Sub-Committee, the Applicant and the Applicants representative responded to questions from the parties.

Closing statements were made and the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 11.52 am.

After re-convening at 11.58 am, the Chair delivered the Sub Committee's decision

Resolved:

That the application for a Private Hire Drivers License be granted.