

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 1.30 pm**

### **Present:**

**Councillor D Brown (Chair)**

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

Councillors P Atkinson, J Griffiths and B Kellett

### **Also Present:**

S Grigor (Durham County Council Solicitor)

I Dargue (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members.

### **3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

### **5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his representative 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and clarified that consideration was for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver. All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Licence Holder and his representative were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond 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 2.00pm. After re-convening at 2.50pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holders Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

**Councillor J Griffiths left the meeting**

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After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 3.10pm. After re-convening at 3.15pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

**Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a period of six-months.