

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson and D Sutton-Lloyd

Also Present:

Mr S Buston (Council's Solicitor)

Mrs N Anderson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Mavin.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023 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 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.

6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver

The Licensing Enforcement Officer reported that the Licence Holder had advised that he would not be in attendance.

Members considered whether to proceed in the absence of the Licence Holder and agreed that the hearing should proceed.

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 Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report. Members and the Council's Solicitor were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private. After re-convening the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder's Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended pending the completion of a Driver Improvement Scheme.

7 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

Item withdrawn.