

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

At a meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in the **Council Chamber** on **Wednesday 8 May 2024** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors A Batey, G Hutchinson, B Kellett and A Reed

Also Present:

N Anderson – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

S Buston – Council's Solicitor

H Couzens – Licensing Enforcement Officer

Licence Holder

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Atkinson and Chaplow.

2 Substitutes

Councillors G Hutchinson and B Kellett attended as substitute members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

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 joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Sub-Committee welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made. The Sub-Committee then considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change regarding the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer provided a summary of the report and updated the Sub-Committee on recent developments since the time of writing the report. The Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer then responded to questions from the Sub-Committee and the Council's Solicitor.

The Licence Holder addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from the Council's Solicitor.

At approximately 1.40 pm, the Sub-Committee adjourned to deliberate, in private.

On reconvening at 1.50 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder's driver's licence be suspended, with immediate effect, for a period of 2 months, or, until such time as the required documentation is provided to the Licensing Authority, whichever is the sooner.