

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held in **Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham** on **Tuesday 23 July 2024** at **1.30pm**

Present:

Councillor D Brown (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors O Gunn and R Potts

Also Present:

M Haigh – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

PC A Newcombe – Durham Constabulary

C Cuskin – Council's Solicitor

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor G Hutchinson.

2 Substitutes

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024 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 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 to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

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

The Licence Holder was then invited to address the Sub-Committee and respond to questions from Members and Officers.

PC Newcombe addressed the Sub-Committee with additional information.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make closing statements, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private at 2.22pm. After reconvening at 2.50pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver be issued with a written warning for a period of twelve months.