

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor J Blakey (Chair)

Members of the Sub-Committee:

Councillors O Gunn and A Reed

Also Present:

G Proud (Durham County Council's Solicitor)

M Haigh (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 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 Joint 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 Joint Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report, noting a typographical error at paragraph 5 of the report which should read March 2022. 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.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 9.55 am. After re-convening at 10.25 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be suspended for a two-month period with immediate effect and carry out appropriate training within that period.

7 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.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the matter in private, at 11.10 am. After re-convening at 11.45 am, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder be suspended for a four-week period with immediate effect.