

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (2)** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 3 March 2025** at **1.30 pm**

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Councillors L Brown, B Coult, B Kellett and A Reed

Also Present:

Z Deagle – Council's Solicitor

N Andersen – Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

1 Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair, nominations were sought for a Chair for the meeting.

Councillor L Brown was proposed for the appointment of Chair, no further proposals were made.

Resolved: That Councillor L Brown be appointed Chair for the meeting.

Councillor L Brown (in the Chair)

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Atkinson.

3 Substitute Members

Councillors B Kellett and A Reed were in attendance as Substitute Members.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6 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 items 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.

7 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Operator

That consideration of the Item be deferred to a future meeting.

8 Consideration of an Application to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his Solicitor to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the suitability of the Applicant to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and provided Members with the options open to the Sub-Committee.

All parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Applicant and his Solicitor were then invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded 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 2.10 pm. After re-convening at 2.33 pm, the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: (i) That the Applicant be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence.

(ii) That the Applicant be issued with a written warning for a 6 month period.