DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3) held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 10.00 am

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:
Councillors P Atkinson, J Blakey, J Maitland and M Wilson

1 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Declarations of interest, if any

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of exempt information

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 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

5 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chairman welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services that requested Members to determine the suitability of the Applicant being granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report and Members and Officers were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licence Holder was also given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the Licensing Enforcement Team Committee Referral Report and Members and Officer
were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Licence Holder was also given the opportunity to ask questions.

A statement had been provided by Durham Constabulary which provided Members with information in respect of the matters detailed in the report.

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

At 10.50 a.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 11.10 a.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee’s decision.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver licence be subject to a three month suspension period, suspended for 12 months.

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At 12.00 p.m. the Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private. After re-convening at 12.15 p.m. the Chairman delivered the Sub-Committee’s decision.
Resolved:

That the Licence Holder’s Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect as the applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.