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12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Access details for Zoom Licensing Committee meeting:

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Meeting ID: 891 9169 4674

Dear Licensing Committee Member,

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** will be held in **via Zoom** on **Monday 18th July 2022 at 4:30pm** to transact the following business:

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest from members**
- 3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**
- 4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items.** Please email the Parish Clerk [parishclerk@cityofdurham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@cityofdurham-pc.gov.uk) to register to speak.
- 5. Consultation on changes to our Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy** – report included.
- 6. Progressing the cumulative impact policy for Durham City proposal**
- 7. To consider the following new licensing applications in the parish area:**

Claypath Delicatessen Limited	Claypath Delicatessen 57 Claypath Durham DH1 1SQ	<b>Application for the grant of a premises licence</b> Sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 8.30pm	5 August 2022
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And, pursuant to the provisions of the above-named Act, I Hereby Summon You to attend the said meeting.

**Adam Shanley**  
Clerk to the City of Durham Parish Council

# CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 16:30 via Zoom.**

**Present:** Councillors S Walker (in the Chair), E Ashby and N Brown.

**Also present:** A Shanley (Parish Clerk).

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Doig, H Weston and G Nair.

## **2. To receive any declarations of interest from members**

None received.

## **3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## **4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items**

None received.

## **5. Update on recent licensing applications in the parish area**

The Clerk advised that the minor variation application from Whitbread Group Plc for the Premier Inn at Milburngate had now been granted. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

The Clerk also advised that the new license application from Mexican Grill Limited for Tortilla at 37-38 Silver Street had also been granted. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

The Clerk reminded Members that the deadline for responding to the application from Ei Group Limited for a shadow license for The Fighting Cocks, 4 South Street was tomorrow. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

## **6. Progressing the cumulative impact policy for Durham City proposal**

The Clerk advised that he was engaging with Durham Police on a joint response to DCC's Head of Licensing following the request from both the Parish Council and the Police that Durham City be considered once more for a cumulative impact policy. The Clerk advised that he hoped to have relevant officers from Durham Police at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee to discuss this in more detail with the Committee.

## **7. Progressing the late-night levy for Durham City proposal**

The Clerk reminded Members that he had circulated a draft advert for a licensing professional to produce a report in favour of the introduction of a late-night levy for the City.

The Committee expressed concerns that, with businesses recovering from the pandemic and having to deal with added costs at present, now may not be the best time to push for the introduction of this levy. In view of this, it was **agreed** that this proposal be

delayed until next year and the main focus of the Licensing Committee's attention should be on securing a cumulative impact policy for the City.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting.

Signed,

**Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee  
(4<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**

## ITEM 6: CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO OUR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The County Council is currently consulting on amendments to its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

Members will recall that the Council consulted on this in 2020 but the policy as proposed (following 2020 consultation) was pulled and further changes were proposed to be made, taking account of the Covid-19 pandemic's impact on the taxi trade.

See further details below:

[Consultation on changes to our Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy - Durham County Council](#)

From feedback received to date, Members accept many of the changes made to the 2020 proposals. However, the changes to vehicle emissions standards in this Policy have not been well received. This appears to be the main change to the Policy and it looks as though the requirements to move to Euro 6 Emission Standards and the maximum age of vehicles have been amended since 2020. See grid below for further details.

Following agreement at its 7th February 2022 meeting, one of the Licensing Committee's priorities under tackling climate change is: ***"to encourage all new taxi licenses granted by DCC to be for low emissions/ electrical vehicles only"***.

The Parish Council's Licensing Committee is responsible for responding to this consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

### Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy consultation Changes to vehicle emission standards

2020 proposals	2022 proposals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>new licences:</b> from the date on which the new policy is adopted in 2021, all new applications for licensed vehicles will only be accepted if the vehicle to be licensed is less than four years old from the date of registration</li> <li>• <b>existing vehicles:</b> must be newer than eight years old from 1 April 2024 i.e. from 1 April 2024 all diesel and petrol engine vehicles will be Euro 6 or above</li> <li>• <b>vehicles over eight years old:</b> all existing licensed vehicles that are more than eight years old will not be re-licensed after 1 April 2024</li> <li>• <b>wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV):</b> existing licensed WAV's will have an extra two years added to the age restriction, meaning that WAV's that are more than 10 years old will not be re-licensed after 1 April 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New applications (newly licensed vehicles):</b> New applications for vehicle licences will only be accepted for vehicles manufactured to the emissions standard Euro 6 or higher.</li> <li>• <b>Renewal applications (existing vehicles and continued licensing):</b> After the 1 January 2023, we will not accept renewal applications for licensed vehicles meeting Euro 4 or lower. After the 1 January 2024, we will not accept renewal applications for licensed vehicles meeting Euro 5 or lower.</li> </ul>

- **zero emission vehicles:** fully electric and zero emission (at source) vehicles would be exempt from the age restriction / emissions policy