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LICENSING & APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 06 February 2019 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock at 10:00am.

PRESENT Councillor Jean Monks - In the Chair
Councillors Graham Elliott and Joyce Pawley
Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Katie Hamill (Senior Solicitor) and Simon Johnson (Democratic & Electoral Services)
Licence Holder

329/18 – APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ann Elliott; Councillor Joyce Pawley attended as Substitute Member.

330/18 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Graham Elliott, seconded by Councillor Joyce Pawley and

RESOLVED That Councillor Jean Monks be elected as Chairman of the
(Unanimously) Committee.

331/18 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Graham Elliott

RESOLVED That in accordance with Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act
(Unanimously) 1972 the public and press be excluded because it is likely that the nature of the business to be transacted would result in exempt information being disclosed.

At this point the Sub-Committee excluded the public and press because in determining the Licence, Members would need to consider personal information relating to the Licence Holder.

332/18 – TAXI /PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING

It was reported that, in accordance with the Council's Licensing procedures, the Licence Holder's Taxi/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence had been referred to the Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee in accordance with the Council's current Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy's 'Breaches of Conditions and Convictions Scheme.'

The Licensing Manager explained the circumstances of the Licence Holder's referral to the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee and the Licence Holder were given an opportunity to question the Licensing Manager.

The Licence Holder presented their case.

The Sub-Committee and the Licensing Manager were given an opportunity to question the Licence Holder.

The Sub-Committee confirmed they had enough information to determine the matter.

333/18 – DECISION

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Joyce Pawley and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That having considered all the evidence put before it, the Sub-Committee has determined that the driver should be allowed to continue to hold a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence to drive vehicles licensed by Derbyshire Dales District Council and that the driver be issued with a written warning regarding future conduct by the Licensing Manager.

Reason for Decision

The reasons for the decision are contained in the Decision Notice that is attached to the exempt minute as they include personal information relating to the applicant.

MEETING CLOSED: 11:13am



APPEALS TO THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Many of the enforcement actions and decisions made by Derbyshire Dales District Council carry the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court. This means that if you do not agree with the decision that the District Council has made you may contact the Magistrates' Court and ask them to formally review it. For example, anyone served with a formal enforcement notice has the right to appeal against that notice within 21 days of its service.

How do I make an appeal?

The right to appeal is normally set out on the reverse of the notice or in a letter that accompanies it.

The Derbyshire Dales District Council area is served by two Magistrates' Courts:

- North East Derbyshire and Dales Magistrates' Court,
Tapton Lane, Chesterfield S41 7TW.
Tel: 01246 224040.
And
- Southern Derbyshire Magistrates' Court,
St Mary's Gate, Derby DE1 3JR.
Tel: 01332 362000

Which Court should I contact?

Generally speaking the North East Derbyshire and Dales Magistrates' Court serves the northern part of the District and Southern Derbyshire Magistrates' Court serves the southern part of the District.

The Court that you would need to contact to make an appeal will depend on the address to which the notice or other enforcement decision relates. If you are unsure which Court would deal with your appeal, we recommend that you contact one of them to check.

Where can I get help?

If you think you need help we would recommend that you speak to a solicitor who would be able to assist you with the Court processes.

The District Council is not able to recommend any particular firm of solicitors but would suggest you check in Yellow Pages or a local services directory.