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LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock at 10.30am.

PRESENT Councillor Jean Monks - In the Chair
Councillors Helen Froggatt and Steve Flitter
Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Katie Hamill (Solicitor), Annette Reading (Democratic Services Assistant)
Wendy Li (Senior Solicitor) attended as an observer
The Applicant
Applicant's Representative: Mr James Connell, Ashbourne Taxis

395/15 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Flitter, seconded by Councillor Froggatt and

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

396/15 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Helen Froggatt

RESOLVED That in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 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 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
(Unanimously)

At this point the Sub-Committee excluded the public and press because in determining the application, members would need to consider personal information relating to the applicant.

397/15 – TAXI /PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING

It was reported that, in accordance with the Council's licensing procedures the application for a taxi/private hire vehicle driver Licence had been referred to the Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee for determination as the applicant's criminal record disclosure certificate had revealed relevant convictions.

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

The applicant presented his case.

The Sub-Committee and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to question the applicant.

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

398/15 – DECISION

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That having considered all the evidence put before it, the Committee has determined that the applicant is a fit and proper person and will be allowed to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence in Derbyshire Dales for a period of one year and provided there are no complaints, cautions or convictions, that authority will be delegated to the Licensing Manager to renew the licence for a period of three years.

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 – 11.20 am