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LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock at 11.25am.

PRESENT Councillor Angus Jenkins - In the Chair
Councillors Tom Donnelly and Joyce Pawley
Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Katie Hamill (Solicitor), Annette Reading (Democratic Services Assistant)
The Applicant

45/16 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Pawley and

RESOLVED That Councillor Angus Jenkins be elected as Chairman of the panel.
(Unanimously)

46/16 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Angus Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly

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.

47/16 – 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 taxi licence was due to expire on 14th June 2016 and there was a concern that the Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate would not be returned in time for the renewal application to be determined due to unprecedented delays of DBS checks being processed.

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.

48/16 – DECISION

It was moved by Councillor Joyce Pawley, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly 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. The licence will be renewed by 13 June 2016, for a period of 3 years, exempting the requirement for the DBS Certificate to be provided by the expiry date of the licence, subject to the provision of a satisfactory DBS Certificate within 3 months of the grant of the renewed licence.

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 – 11.35 am