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LICENSING & APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2019 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN at 10:30am.

PRESENT Councillor Andrew Statham - In the Chair
Councillors Graham Elliott and Mark Wakeman
Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Lee Gardner (Legal Services Manager) and Simon Johnson (Democratic Services Officer)
Applicant

97/19 – APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paul Cruise as substitute and Councillor Joyce Pawley attended as substitute instead.

98/19 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Councillor Graham Elliott, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED That Councillor Andrew Statham be elected as Chairman of the
(Unanimously) Committee.

99/19 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Statham, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman

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 Applicant.

100/19 – TAXI /PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING

It was reported that, in accordance with the Council's Licensing procedures, the Applicant for a new Hackney Carriage and 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 due to the number of points currently held on their driving licence.

The Licensing Manager 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 Manager.

The Licence Applicant presented their case.

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

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

101/19 – DECISION

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Statham, seconded by Councillor Graham Elliott and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That having considered all the evidence put before it, the Sub-Committee has determined that the Applicant is fit and proper to be granted a 3 year licence to drive a Hackney Carriage or a Private Hire Vehicle.

However the Sub-Committee instructed the Licensing Manager to refer the Applicant back to committee if they receive any further points on their DVLA Licence or any complaints are received within the next 3 years

Reason for Decision

The Sub-Committee accepted the explanation of how the points were obtained and noted that the Applicant was trusted with vulnerable individuals in another role they held with Derby City Council. Also that the Applicant already had a private hire driver's licence with another authority.

MEETING CLOSED: 10:56am