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## LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2017 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Matlock at 10:10am.

**PRESENT** Councillor Jean Monks - In the Chair  
Councillors Stephen Flitter and Helen Froggatt  
Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Katie Hamill (Solicitor) and Simon Johnson (Democratic & Electoral Services)  
Applicant

### 399/16 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

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

### 400/16 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by Councillor Jean Monks, seconded by Councillor Stephen Flitter

**RESOLVED** That in accordance with Section 100(a) 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.  
(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.

## **401/16 – TAXI /PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENSING**

It was reported that, in accordance with the Council's Licensing procedures, the Applicant's application for a Taxi/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence had been referred to the Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee for determination as they had failed the written Driver Knowledge Test three times.

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 their 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.

## **402/16 – DECISION**

It was moved by Stephen Flitter, seconded by Jean Monks and

**RESOLVED**  
(Unanimously)

That having considered all the evidence put before it, the Committee determined that the Applicant is not a fit and proper person and should not be allowed to hold a Licence to drive a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicle on the basis of the failed knowledge tests.

The Committee does not believe that the Applicant has the requisite knowledge expected of taxi drivers licenced by the Council.

### 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: 10:37am**