

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 11 March 2025.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin (Chair)
Councillor Colm Merrick
Provost Mary Montague*

Councillor Kate Campbell
Councillor Andrew Morrison
Councillor David Macdonald*

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

(*) indicates remote attendance

Attending:

Nicola McEleny, Senior Solicitor; David Higgins, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; Michelle McCarrol, Lead Officer (Tenant & Customer); Grant Murray, Housing Officer (Private Sector) and Lesleyann Burns, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Sergeant Emma Gardner and Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1144. There were no apologies given.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1145. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

Resolution to Exclude Press and Public

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Chair, the Committee unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

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PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

1146. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 3 refers).

The applicant was present.

Sergeant Emma Gardner and Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection to the application, were also present.

Sergeant Rafferty was heard in respect of the representation submitted by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from members.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application.

The Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the applicant's previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the representation by the Chief Constable, decided by split decision, following the chair's deciding vote, to grant the application.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

1147. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 4 refers).

The applicant was present.

Sergeant Emma Gardner and Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection to the application, were also present.

Sergeant Rafferty was heard in respect of the representation submitted by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from members.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application.

The Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the applicant's previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the representation by the Chief Constable decided by majority decision, to grant the Application.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

1148. The Committee agreed to continue the report at Licensing Committee on 29 April 2025 as the applicant did not receive sufficient time to allow them representation at Committee. The applicant remains suspended meantime.

PRIVATE LANDLORD REGISTRATION

1149. The committee considered a report by the Director of Environment regarding an application for inclusion on the Register of Social Landlords under the terms of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, as amended (agenda item 6 refers).

The Senior Housing Officer (Private Sector) was heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from Members.

Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at this point.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application and in response to questions.

The Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

Following discussion the committee agreed, by majority decision (Councillor Morrison's dissenting vote being noted for the Minute) :-

- (a) that the applicant had four weeks to provide necessary statutory paperwork to Housing Services;
- (b) Housing Services were to make clear to the tenant that entry was to be made available forthwith and that the Applicant would proceed with raising action in the Housing Tribunal if entry was not agreed; and
- (b) that if the necessary statutory paperwork was not provided a report would be brought to next Committee on 29 April 2025.

PRIVATE LANDLORD REGISTRATION

1150. The committee considered a report by the Director of Environment regarding an application for inclusion on the Register of Social Landlords under the terms of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, as amended (agenda item 7 refers).

The Senior Housing Officer (Private Sector) was heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from Members.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application and in response to questions.

The Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

Following discussion the committee agreed to grant the application, on the basis that all outstanding statutory paperwork had been received in respect of the both of the landlord's properties.

CHAIR

