

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of virtual meeting held at 10.00am on 7 December 2021.

Present:

Councillor Charlie Gilbert
Councillor Annette Ireland

Councillor Stewart Miller

Councillor Miller in the Chair

Attending:

Jacqui McCusker, Senior Solicitor; Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Inspector Alan Gray and Constable Gavin Walker, Police Scotland.

Apologies:

Councillors Angela Convery (Chair) and Betty Cunningham (Vice Chair).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1833. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was agreed that Councillor Miller Chair the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1834. 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 Item 1835 below on the grounds that it 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 RENEWAL

1835. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement in relation to an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence (Agenda Item 3 refers).

The licence holder was present.

Chief Inspector Gray and Constable Walker representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection in respect of the application, were also present.

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the committee to decide what weight it wished to attach to the objection by the Chief Constable.

Constable Walker was heard in respect of the objection by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from Members.

The licence holder was then heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from Members. He confirmed that a hearing date had been set for 9 December 2021.

The committee, having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, agreed that the application be renewed for a period of 1 year subject to standard conditions.

The meeting was opened to the public at this point.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – TAXI FARES REVIEW

1836. The committee were advised, and noted, that the report would be continued to a future meeting to allow further consultation on the proposals to take place.

CHAIR