

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 11 April 2023.

Present:

Councillor Edlin (Chair)	Councillor David Macdonald
Councillor Angela Convery (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Andrew Morrison

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

Attending:

Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement); Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer; and John Burke, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Inspector Gareth Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Apology:

Provost Mary Montague.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

398. 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.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

The applicant was present together with his wife.

Inspector Griffiths representing the Chief Constable, who had made a representation in respect of the application, was also present.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the representation submitted by the Chief Constable.

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.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the submission made by the applicant, his previous conviction, its seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the representation by the Chief Constable, agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence by virtue of his previous conviction.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

400. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence (Agenda Item 4 refers).

The applicant was present.

Inspector Griffiths representing the Chief Constable, who had made an out of time objection in respect of the application, was also present.

The report explained that in determining the application, it would be for the Committee to decide if it wished to consider the out of time objection submitted by the Chief Constable and, if so, what weight it wished to attach to the objection and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for.

Having heard the applicant agree that the late objection could be considered, the Committee agreed to consider the out of time objection and copies were provided to Members.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable.

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.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the submission made by the applicant, his previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence by virtue of his previous convictions.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

401. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence (Agenda Item 5 refers).

The applicant was present.

Inspector Griffiths representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection in respect of the application, was also present.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable.

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.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the submission made by the applicant, his previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence by virtue of his previous convictions.

CHAIR

