

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 3 October 2023.

Present:

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

Councillor David Macdonald (*)

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

(*) indicates remote attendance

Attending:

Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer - Legal and Procurement, Chief Executive's Office; Linda Hutchison, Senior Committee Services Officer; and John Burke, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Inspector Graeme Gallie and Sergeant Lisa Campbell, Police Scotland.

Apologies:

Councillor Andrew Morrison.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

617. There were no declarations of interest intimated from Members.

Resolution to Exclude Press and Public

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 it 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 DRIVERS LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL

618. 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 licensee was present.

Sergeant Campbell, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an out of time objection, 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.

Sergeant Campbell was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable.

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, agreed to continue consideration of the application until after the applicant's trial date.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL

619. 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 4 refers).

The licensee was present.

Police Scotland representatives indicated that they were withdrawing their objection as the Procurator Fiscal had determined to drop all relevant charges against the applicant on which the objection was based.

On that basis, the Committee concluded that the matter should be determined by the Clerk to the Committee under his delegated powers, as is the norm for all applications not subject to objection, and the matter was remitted back to him for consideration.

CHAIR