

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 16 August 2022.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin (Chair)
Provost Mary Montague

Councillor David Macdonald
Councillor Andrew Morrison

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

Attending:

Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer - Legal and Procurement; Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Inspector Gareth Griffiths and Constable Brian Rooney, Police Scotland.

Apology:

Councillor Angela Convery (Vice Chair).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

73. 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 RENEWAL

74. 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.

Inspector Griffiths and Constable Rooney representing the Chief Constable, who had made a representation 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 representation by the Chief Constable.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the representation 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.

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

On reconvening, the committee, having taken account of the representation by the Chief Constable, agreed that consideration of the application be continued for six months to allow further information on possible court proceedings to be provided.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

75. 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 together with his wife.

Inspector Griffiths and Constable Rooney 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.

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

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

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

On reconvening, the committee, having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, agreed that consideration of the application be continued to the Licensing Committee meeting on 6 December 2022 following the expected court date in November 2022.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

76. 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, having been invited to the meeting, was not present.

Inspector Griffiths and Constable Rooney representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection in respect of the application, were 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.

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

The committee, 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

