

MINUTE of MEETING of the LICENSING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LoTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 21 JUNE 2017.

Present – Councillors Peter Heggie (Chair), George Paul, Chris Horne, Dave King

Apologies – Councillor David Dodds

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES

- a) The committee confirmed the Minute of its Meeting held on 19 April 2017 as a correct record. The Minutes was thereafter signed by the Chair.
- b) The committee confirmed the Minute of its Meeting held on 26 May 2017 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved under Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 12 and 14 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 - HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) LICENCE

The applicant's representative was in attendance at the meeting.

Inspector Scott Robertson and PC Tom White, Police Scotland, were in attendance at the meeting.

The Clerk explained the procedure that would be followed. The applicant's representative confirmed that he understood the procedure.

The committee heard the applicant's representative speak in relation to the application.

Police Scotland was given an opportunity to question the applicant's representative.

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Finally, both parties had an opportunity to sum up.

Both parties then left the room to allow the committee to deliberate in private.

After deliberations both parties returned and the committee then made its decision.

Decision

To grant the licence for application for a period of three years subject to all previous conditions.

5. NOTE ACTION TAKEN IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 31

- a) The committee noted the action taken on 21 April 2017 to immediately suspend a private hire car driver's licence.
- b) The committee noted the action taken on 19 May 2017 to immediately suspend a private hire car driver's licence.