

4. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE -ITEM 6

Introductions were made by all parties. The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed.

The applicant was in attendance at the meeting and was unrepresented. The applicant confirmed he was content to proceed without representation.

Police Scotland was represented by Inspector Kevin Smith.

The applicant confirmed he had no dispute with the contents of the report and letter of objections by Police Scotland and provided the Committee with additional information.

Police Scotland confirmed the additional information was accurate.

The Clerk referred the Committee to the report and the additional information provided by the applicant.

The Committee heard Inspector Smith speak in relation to the objection by Police Scotland.

The applicant was given an opportunity to question Inspector Smith.

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The Committee heard the applicant speak in support of his application.

Inspector Smith was given an opportunity to question the applicant.

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Finally, both parties were given an opportunity to sum up.

The Clerk provided the Committee with legal advice. Both parties were given an opportunity to comment on the legal advice before leaving the room to allow the Committee to deliberate in private.

Following private deliberations both parties returned. The Clerk advised that he had not provided any further legal advice to the Committee in the private session. The Committee then made its decision.

Decision

To grant the application for a private hire car driver's licence.