

MINUTE of MEETING of the LICENSING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 24 MARCH 2021.

Present – Councillors Peter Heggie (Chair), George Paul, Harry Cartmill, David Dodds, Chris Horne

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 24 February 2021 as a correct record.

3. PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved under Section 40(A)(4) 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. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - ITEM 6

The licence holder and Police Scotland took part in the MS Teams virtual meeting. An interpreter was also present at the meeting. The interpreter confirmed her qualifications.

Introductions were made and procedures explained. It was also agreed that everything that was said was to be interpreted consecutively.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor with regard to a request from Police Scotland to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence.

The report recommended that the committee determines whether to suspend or revoke Mr Szabo's licence, and if so, on what ground(s) and in the case of suspension to decide on the duration of suspension and if the licence should be suspended immediately.

Motion

To immediately suspend the private hire car driver's licence for a period of 2-weeks in terms of Paragraph 11 (2)(a), 11 (2) (d) and 11(10) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Chris Horne

Councillor George Paul having moved an alternative position which did not receive a seconder had his dissent recorded.

### Decision

To immediately suspend the private hire car driver's licence for a period of 2-weeks in terms of Paragraph 11 (2)(a), 11 (2) (d) and 11(10) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Chair advised the licence holder to use the 2-week suspension period to read and understand the private hire car driver's licence conditions, and request a version in his first language if required.

The Chair also advised the licence holder that he should make himself aware of speed limits and adhere to them.