

MINUTE of MEETING of the LICENSING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 18 NOVEMBER 2020.

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. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair changed the order of business to consider agenda item 7 first.

3. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 21 October 2020 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. 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.

5. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - ITEM 7

The applicant and Police Scotland took part in the Webex virtual meeting.

Introductions were made and procedures explained.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor with regard to a private hire car driver's licence application.

The report recommended that the committee consider and determine the application for a private hire car driver's licence.

Decision

To delegate authority to the Chief Solicitor to grant the application with a warning to his future conduct if he is certified fit by the council's medical advisers to hold a private hire car driver's licence prior to 23 January 2021 or otherwise to refuse.

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

The applicant was not in attendance at the virtual meeting.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor with regard to a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The report recommended that the committee consider an immediate suspension of the private hire car driver's licence in view of the particular circumstances as detailed in the report.

Decision

1. To suspend the Private Hire Car Driver's Licence with immediate effect for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Solicitor to recall the suspension when the licence holder is certified as fit to drive by the council's medical advisors

7. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - ITEM 8

The applicant was not in attendance at the Webex virtual meeting but instead had requested that the case be dealt with by written submissions.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor with regard to an application for a Street Trader's Licence and the applicant's written submissions.

The report recommended that the committee consider and determine the application in light of the contents of the report.

Decision

To grant the application for a Street Trader's Licence for a period of 2 years.