

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

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Horne declared an interest in that he did know someone with the same name as one of the licence holders but was of the opinion that it was not the same person and would therefore take part in the consideration of this item of business.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 27 January 2021 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. PRIVATE SESSIONS

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 LICENCE - ITEM 6

The applicant and a representative from the Taxi Examination Centre 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 an application to vary a private hire car standard condition, to allow a vehicle which did not comply with the council's standard conditions to be licensed as a private hire car in West Lothian.

The report recommended that the committee consider and determine the application and decide whether to disapply the condition in question.

Decision

To refuse to grant the application.

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

The licence holder was not present at the webex 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 was certified as fit to drive by the council's medical advisors.

6. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - ITEM 8

The licence holder was not present at the webex virtual meeting.

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

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

Decision

1. To suspend the Taxi 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 was certified as fit to drive by the council's medical advisors.