

MINUTE of MEETING of the LICENSING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE) held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 9 NOVEMBER 2022.

Present – Councillors George Paul (Chair), Jim Dickson and Peter Heggie

Apologies – Councillors Tony Pearson and Pauline Orr

Due to technical difficulties, Councillor Pauline Orr was unable to join the meeting remotely and could not participate in any of the items of business.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled, in terms of Standing Order 11, that agenda item 7 would be considered first followed by items 6 and 8 respectively.

3. MINUTES

The committee confirmed the draft Minute of its meeting held on 5 October 2022 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

The committee resolved under Section 50(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 AND TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

Police Scotland was represented by Inspector Marc Copland and Sergeant Rachel Stark. Both representatives attended in person.

The clerk advised those present of individual circumstances relating to the applicant and their solicitor. They were also informed that, should the committee request that the applicant's solicitor join the meeting remotely, they had indicated that an adjournment, until 30 November 2022, would be requested. Inspector Copland confirmed Police Scotland did not

oppose such a request and the case was duly adjourned.

Decision

To agree an adjournment due to the circumstances of both the applicant and their solicitor. The adjournment until 30 November 2022 was not opposed by Police Scotland.

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

The applicant attended the meeting in person.

Police Scotland was represented by Inspector Marc Copland and Sergeant Rachel Stark. Both representatives attended in person.

Introductions were made and the procedures explained.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor inviting them to consider and determine an application for the grant of a private hire car driver's licence in respect of which an objection has been received from Police Scotland.

It was recommended that the committee consider and determine the private hire car driver's licence application.

Decision

To refuse the private hire car driver's licence application.

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

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Solicitor inviting them to consider and determine an application for the grant of a House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) licence.

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

Decision

To agree an adjournment until 30 November 2022.