

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2012 at 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, McLuckie, Ritchie and Turner.

CONVENER: Provost Reid.

ATTENDING: Chief Governance Officer; Licensing Co-ordinator; Senior Solicitor (F Kobiela); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

CL44. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Buchanan, Hughes, McNally and Nicol.

CL45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CL46. MINUTE

There was submitted and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 8 August 2012.

CL47. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN JULY 2012

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 July 2012 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002, and (b) notifications received during the same period for parades and marches.

NOTED

CL48. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL49. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr C, was not in attendance.

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 23 February 2012 (Paragraph CL83 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) attaching as an appendix, a copy of the Report submitted to the Civic Licensing Committee on 23 February 2012. The application had been continued to a future meeting pending the outcome of court proceedings.

The Licensing Co-ordinator advised that the court proceedings had not yet taken place and therefore, following a request from the applicant for a continuation of the matter, an additional application had been made to the Sheriff requesting an extension of time to enable the application to be considered at a later date. Both the applicant and Central Scotland Police were satisfied with this course of action.

AGREED to **CONTINUE** the application for consideration to a future meeting in accordance with the Sheriff's extension of time until 31 December 2012.

CL50. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr C, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received.

Mr C spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED that a departure from the DVLA Group 2 Regulations Standard was justified in the case of this applicant and therefore to **GRANT** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.

CL51. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF AN ADDITIONAL TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE

A Director of the applicant company, Mr F, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of an additional taxi operator licence (a) advising of the background to the application, and (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received.

Mr F spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **GRANT** the licence subject to the standard conditions.

CL52. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr S, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr S spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED:-

- (1) to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions, and
- (2) that the renewal application from the same person for his Taxi Operator's Licence, which is pending, did not require to come before the Committee and could be dealt with by officers.

CL53. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr H, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr H spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of taxi drivers.

CL54. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr C, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr C spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of taxi drivers.

CL55. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr N, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a private hire car driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr N spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of private hire car drivers.

CL56. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant, Mr E, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 August 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of private hire car driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Mr E spoke in support of the application.

Questions were asked by Members of the Committee.

AGREED to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter detailing the standards expected of private hire car drivers.