

# **DRAFT**

Minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u> Jim Blackwood

Baillie Joan Coombes (Depute Convener)

Gordon Hughes

Depute Provost John Patrick

Ann Ritchie Sandy Turner

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator

Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer

Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor

Isabel Renton, Senior Licensing Assistant

## CL114. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Provost Reid, Baillie Buchanan and Councillor Garner.

#### CL115. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were intimated.

#### CL116. Minute

## **Decision**

- (a) The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 11 January 2017 was approved; and
- (b) The minute of the special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 24 January 2017 was approved.

# CL117. List of Applications Granted Under Delegated Powers in December 2016 and Notifications of Public Processions Pending

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 December 2016 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, and (b) notifications of pending public processions.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the report.

Councillor Hughes joined the meeting after consideration of the previous item of business.

# CL118. Civic Licensing Enforcement – December 2016

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during December 2016.

## **Decision**

The committee noted the report.

## **CL119.** Taxi and Private Hire Car Operator Licence Conditions

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer (a) providing details of the current licence conditions for both taxi and private hire car operators' conditions; (b) summarising the background to the suggested changes to the existing conditions 8 & 14, and (c) setting out the financial and resource implications if moveable magnetic signs were to be permitted.

#### Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;
- (2) agreed the revised licence conditions for taxi operators; and
- (3) agreed the revised licence conditions for private hire car operators.

## CL120. 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.

## CL121. Application for the Grant of a New Taxi Operator Licence

The applicant, Mr M, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the grant of a new taxi operator licence (a) advising on the background to the application, and (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received.

Mr M spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to grant the new private hire car operator licence for a period of one year, subject to the standard conditions.

# CL122. Application for the Grant of a New Private Hire Car Driver Licence

The applicant, Ms M, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the grant of a new private hire car driver licence (a) advising on the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Ms M spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

#### Decision

The committee agreed to grant the new private hire car driver licence for a period of one year, subject to the standard conditions.

## CL123. Application for the Renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence

The applicant, Ms K, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising on the background to the application; (b) summarising the consultations undertaken and responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

Ms K spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

#### **Decision**

The committee agreed to renew the taxi driver licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions and with a warning letter.