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Minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 9.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u> David Aitchison

David Balfour Lorna Binnie Robert Bissett Jim Blackwood

Gordon Hughes (Convener)

Jim Flynn James Kerr

Depute Provost Ann Ritchie

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator

Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer

Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor

Isabel Renton, Senior Licensing Assistant

CL91. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Provost Buchanan.

CL92. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

CL93. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 7 February 2018 was approved.

CL94. List of Applications Granted Under Delegated Powers in January and February 2018 and Notifications of Public Processions Pending

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing the applications granted under delegated powers between 1 January and 28 February 2018 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

CL95. Knowledge Test Failure

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing details of an application for a new taxi driver licence, his knowledge test results, and the options available to members.

The applicant was not in attendance.

Decision

The committee refused to grant the Taxi Driver licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 13(5) on the ground that the applicant, having failed to pass the knowledge test, has failed to satisfy the Authority that he had adequate knowledge of the area to which the licence relates and the layout of roads in the area and knowledge of the council's licence conditions.

CL96. 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 grounds 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.

CL97. Application for the Renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver Licence

The applicant, Mr T, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on an application received for the renewal of a 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.

Mr T spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 9.50 a.m. and reconvened at 9.55 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to renew the Private Hire Car Driver licence for the period of 1 year until 28 February 2019, subject to the standard conditions.

CL98. Application for the Grant of a New Taxi Operator Licence

The applicant, Mr G, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on an application for the grant of a new taxi operator licence, the consultations carried out and responses received.

Mr G spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.00 a.m. and reconvened at 10.05 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant a new Taxi Operator licence, subject to: the proposed vehicle being within the age and specification policy; the appropriate insurance documentation, V5 certificate and taxi inspection test certificate being submitted to the satisfaction of officers, and subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.

CL99. Applications for the Grant of 3 New Taxi Operator Licences

Mr B, an employee of the applicant company, entered the meeting.

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on applications for the grant of 3 new taxi operator licences, the consultations carried out and responses received.

Mr B spoke in support of the applications.

Questions were then asked by members of the committee.

The committee agreed to a short adjournment at 10.10 a.m. and reconvened at 10.20 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant three new Taxi Operator licences, subject to: the proposed vehicles being within the age and specification policy; the appropriate insurance documentation, V5 certificates and taxi inspection test certificates being

submitted to the satisfaction of officers, and subject to the standard conditions for a period of one year.