

LICENSING URGENT BUSINESS SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 2 May 2018. Minute of meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE.
Present: Councillor Malik, Convener; and Councillors Lumsden (as a substitute for Councillor Bell) and Townson.

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1. In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Malik took the Chair for today's meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The press and public were excluded from the meeting for consideration of the applications listed below in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

2. With reference to article 18 of appendix A of the minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee of 17 April 2018, the Sub Committee had before it an information note prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance in respect of the application which advised that the application had been placed on the agenda as it required to be determined by 17 April 2018 and confirmation on whether the applicant met DVLA group 2 medical standards had still to be received.

Mr Munro, Legal Advisor, provided the Sub Committee with a verbal update on the application.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke in support of the application.

Members asked questions of the applicant.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to refuse the application;
- (ii) to agree that should the applicant meet the Group 2 DVLA medical criteria following receipt of a further medical report this would result in a material change of circumstance and therefore a new application could be processed for the applicant; and

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- (iii) should the applicant submit a new application, to agree to waive the fee for that single application and the requirement for the applicant to undertake a street knowledge test.

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

3. The Sub Committee was advised that the applicant had now passed the street knowledge test and that this application did not require to be determined today.

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4. With reference to article 1 of appendix A of the minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee of 17 April 2018, the Sub Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance in respect of the request for exemption from the Committee's street knowledge test for taxi drivers.

Mr Munro, Legal Advisor, provided the Sub Committee with a verbal update on the application.

The applicant was in attendance and spoke in support of the request.

Members asked questions of the applicant.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to refuse the application; and
- (ii) to agree that should the applicant meet the Group 2 DVLA medical criteria following receipt of a further medical report and pass the required street knowledge test that this would result in a material change of circumstance and therefore a new application could be processed for the applicant.

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

5. The Sub Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in respect of the request for exemption from the Committee's street knowledge test for taxi drivers.

Mr Munro, Legal Advisor, provided the Sub Committee with a verbal update on the application.

The applicant was in attendance, accompanied by her union representative, who spoke in support of the request.

Members asked questions of the applicant.

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The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the applicant be exempt from the requirement to undertake a street knowledge test on the basis of the individual circumstances and thereby to grant the application.

- **COUNCILLOR MALIK, Convener**

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