

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 18 January 2019. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Convener; and Councillors Delaney, Malik (for articles 1 to 5) and Townson.

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CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

1. The Sub Committee was advised that the request listed at item 7 on the agenda was to be heard in private and treated as confidential information in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. There were no declarations of interest.

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE - NEIL ALEXANDER ROBERT MORRISON

3. With reference to article 17 of appendix B of the minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee of 11 December 2018, the Sub Committee had before it an information sheet 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 29 January 2019, and to date the applicant's vehicle had not passed the required hackney test.

The applicant, Mr Neil Morrison, was in attendance and spoke in support of his application.

The Sub Committee asked questions of the applicant.

The applicant did not take up the opportunity to sum up.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to defer consideration of the application to enable the applicant's vehicle to undertake the required hackney test and to agree that should the vehicle pass the test, the Chief Officer - Governance could grant the application under delegated powers, or otherwise

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that the application be referred to a further meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee for consideration.

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE STREET KNOWLEDGE TEST - LYNNE BRUCE

4. The Sub Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance which advised that the applicant was seeking exemption from the required street knowledge test.

The applicant, Ms Lynne Bruce, was in attendance and spoke in support of her request for exemption from the street knowledge test.

The Sub Committee asked questions of the applicant.

The applicant did not take up the opportunity to sum up.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to agree that the applicant be exempt from the requirement to undertake the street knowledge test on the basis of the individual circumstances and to agree to waive the fee for that single application.

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE STREET KNOWLEDGE TEST - WILLIAM FORBES

5. The Sub Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance which advised that the applicant was seeking exemption from the required street knowledge test.

The applicant, Mr William Forbes, was in attendance and spoke in support of her request for exemption from the street knowledge test.

The Sub Committee asked questions of the applicant.

The applicant did not take up the opportunity to sum up.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to agree that the applicant be exempt from the requirement to undertake the street knowledge test on the basis of the individual circumstances and to agree to waive the fee for that single application.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

REQUEST FOR THE SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

6. The Sub Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the request which advised that in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Police Scotland had requested the consideration of the suspension or revocation of the licence holder's taxi driver's licence and taxi operator's licence and a copy of the letter dated 13 December 2018 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, c/o Aberdeen City Division, was appended to the information note.

The licence holder was in attendance.

Sergeant Flett was in attendance on behalf of Police Scotland and spoke in support of the request from Police Scotland.

The Sub Committee asked questions of Sergeant Flett and the licence holder.

The licence holder and Sergeant Flett summed up.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to agree to suspend both the licence holder's taxi driver's licence and taxi operator licence with immediate effect for the respective unexpired portion of both licences in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the basis that the carrying on of the licensed activities were causing or were likely to cause, a serious threat to public safety.

- **COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS, Convener**

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