

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 9 August 2024. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Al-Samarai, Convener; Councillor , Vice-Convener; and Councillors Delaney, Henrickson and Lawrence.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

1. There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated.

REQUEST FOR THE SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

2. The Sub Committee had before it (1) an information note prepared by the interim Chief Officer – Governance (Legal); and (2) a letter dated 1 July 2024 from the Chief Superintendent, North East Division, Police Scotland, which in terms of schedule 1, of sections 12 and 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, requested the suspension of the licence holder's Taxi Driver's Licence and Taxi Licence.

The licence holder was in attendance, accompanied by his solicitor, Mr Dean Purdie, who spoke in support of the licence holder and responded to questions from members.

PC Forbes was in attendance and spoke in support of the letter from Police Scotland and responded to questions from members.

Both parties were given the opportunity to sum up.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to suspend the licence holder's Taxi Driver's Licence with immediate effect for its unexpired portion in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the grounds that the carrying on of the activity to which the licence related had caused, would cause or was likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or public safety; and
- (ii) to suspend the licence holder's Taxi Licence with immediate effect for its unexpired portion in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the grounds that the carrying on of the activity to which the licence related had caused, would cause or was likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or public safety.

- **COUNCILLOR GILL AL-SAMARAI, Convener**