

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 3 September 2024.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin (Chair)
Councillor Angela Convery (Vice Chair)*
Provost Mary Montague*

Councillor Andrew Morrison
Councillor David Macdonald*

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

(*) indicates remote attendance

Attending:

Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement); Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; and Victoria Harkness, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Inspector Brian Eaglesham and Inspector Gareth Griffiths, Police Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

923. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

Resolution to Exclude Press and Public

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Chair, the Committee unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - APPLICATION FOR GRANT

924. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 3 refers).

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It was reported that the applicant, having been invited to the meeting, had notified officers that he was unable to attend.

The committee agreed to continue the application to the next meeting to allow the applicant to make a personal appearance.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

925. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 4 refers).

The applicant and his interpreter were present.

Inspector Eaglesham and Inspector Griffiths representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection to the application, were also present.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from members.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from members.

The Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the applicant's previous conviction, its seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence by virtue of his previous conviction.

CHAIR