

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 08 October 2024.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin (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 Jennifer Graham, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Inspector Graeme Gallie and Inspector Gareth Griffiths, Police Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

996. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

997. The Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) advised that the Vice Chair had recently tendered her resignation from the Committee and a new Vice Chair would require to be appointed. As membership of the Committee had recently been increased to 7 members, he proposed that this item be continued to allow all members to consider the appointment

Thereafter, the committee agreed that appointment of a Vice Chair be continued to a future meeting.

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.

Variation in Order of Business

In accordance with the terms of Standing Order 19, Councillor Edlin altered the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL

998. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 5 refers).

The applicant was present together with his Solicitor, Mr Hobbs.

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

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the Committee to decide if it wished to consider the out of time objection submitted by the Chief Constable and, if so, what weight it wished to attach to the objection and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to consider the out of time objection and copies were circulated.

Inspector Griffiths was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable.

The applicant's solicitor was then heard in respect of the application.

The Committee agreed that the application for renewal be continued until after the date of the pending court case.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

999. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 6 refers).

The applicant was present.

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

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the Committee to decide if it wished to consider the out of time representation submitted by the Chief Constable and, if so, what weight it wished to attach to the representation and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to consider the out of time representation and copies were circulated.

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

The applicant was then heard in respect of the application.

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

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the applicant's previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the representation 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 convictions.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

1000. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 7 refers).

The applicant was present.

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

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the committee to decide what weight it wished to attach to the objection by the Chief Constable.

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

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

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

On reconvening, the Committee, having taken account of the applicant's previous convictions, their 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 convictions.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

1001. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (agenda item 4 refers).

The applicant was present.

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

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the committee to decide what weight it wished to attach to the objection by the Chief Constable.

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

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

The Committee agreed that the application for grant be continued until after the date of the pending court case.

CHAIR