

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 10 December 2024.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin (Chair)
Councillor Kate Campbell
Councillor David Macdonald (*)

Councillor Colm Merrick
Provost Mary Montague
Councillor Andrew Morrison (*)

Councillor Edlin in the Chair

(*) indicates remote attendance

Attending:

Gerry Mahon, Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement); and John Burke, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Inspector Brian Eaglesham and Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, Police Scotland

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1065 There were no declarations of interest intimated.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

1066 Councillor Edlin, seconded by Provost Montague, moved that the Committee recommend to Council that Councillor Merrick be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee. No further nominations were made.

Therefore, the Committee recommended to Council that Councillor Merrick be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee.

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE

1067 The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) in relation to a request for immediate suspension of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Agenda Item 3 refers).

The licensee was not present.

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Inspector Eaglesham and Sergeant Rafferty representing the Chief Constable, who had requested the suspension, were present. It was reported that the Chief Constable had complained that in terms of Paragraph 11(2)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Act, the licence holder was no longer a fit and proper person to hold these licences, and he requested immediate suspension of the licences in terms of Paragraph 12(1) of the Schedule, that carrying on of the activity to which the licences related was likely to cause a serious threat to public order or public safety.

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the committee to decide what weight it wished to attach to the request by the Chief Constable and its relevance to the types of licences held.

The Committee agreed to suspend both licences in terms of Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

CHAIR