

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 29 April 2025.**

**Present:**

Councillor Kate Campbell  
Provost Mary Montague(\*)

Councillor David Macdonald(\*)

(\*) indicates remote attendance

**Attending:**

Rebecca Auld, Solicitor; Paul Birkin, Senior Environmental Health Officer; David Higgins, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; John Burke, Democratic Services Officer and Bethany Mitchell, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

**Also Attending:**

Inspector Brian Eaglesham, Police Scotland; Inspector Allan Ferris, Police Scotland.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Provost Montague, seconded by Councillor Macdonald, moved that Councillor Campbell be appointed as Chair of the Committee, which was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Campbell in the Chair

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Edlin, Morrison and Merrick.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1192.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**CIVIC GOVERNEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – TAXI FARES REVIEW**

**1193.** The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) to consider the next stage in the review of taxi fares.

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("The Act") provided that the licensing authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges made in connection with the hire of a taxi or

with the arrangements for its hire and to thereafter review such scales periodically, i.e. every 18 months.

The report set out the consultation that had taken place with members of the Taxi trade and those were listed in the appendices to the report.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that:-

- (a) the charges for the hire of taxis in East Renfrewshire, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a taxi, or with the arrangements for its hire, remain unchanged;
- (b) those charges be reviewed by the Committee in 12 months; and
- (c) the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) be authorised to publish those proposed scales in a newspaper circulating within East Renfrewshire and prepare any appropriate further reports on any representations received in writing by the Council for the consideration of the Licensing Committee. Or, in the absence of such representations, to fix the scales and give further notice in accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

#### **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

**1194.** The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to an application for the grant of a Public Entertainment Licence (agenda item 4 refers).

The applicant was present.

The applicant was heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from members, particularly around aspects of noise from the site and security.

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

On reconvening, the Committee, agreed to approve the application for the Public Entertainment Licence.

#### **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 – REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION**

**1195.** The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to a request for immediate suspension of a Private Hire Car Driver Licence and Private Hire Car Operator Licence. (agenda item 5 refers).

The licensee was not present.

Inspector Ferris and Inspector Eaglesham, representing the Chief Constable, were present and requested that the suspensions be granted on the grounds that the licensee was not a fit

and proper person to be the holder of those licences and that the carrying on of the activity to which the licences related was likely to cause a serious threat to public order or public safety.

Following discussion of the matter, the Committee agreed to the request for immediate suspension of both of the Private Hire Car Driver Licence, and Private Hire Car Operator Licence for the remaining duration of both licences.

#### **STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

**1196.** The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) in relation to an application for grant of a Street Trader's Licence (agenda item 6 refers).

The applicant was present.

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

The Senior Environmental Health Officer, who had made an objection to the application, was also present and spoke to the objection.

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

On reconvening, the Committee, following discussion, agreed to refuse the application for a Street Trader's Licence.

CHAIR

