

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, on 14 February 2020.

Present:

Councillor Angela Convery (Chair)	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Betty Cunningham (Vice Chair)	Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Charlie Gilbert	

Councillor Convery in the Chair

Attending:

Jacqui McCusker, Senior Solicitor; Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Inspector John McQuilter and Constable Stuart Morton, Police Scotland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1189. 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 undernoted item of business on the grounds that it 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 CAR DRIVER'S/OPERATOR'S LICENCES - REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION

1190. Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 21 January 2020 (Page 1066, Item 1158 refers), when it was agreed that consideration of the matter be continued to a future meeting to allow Police Scotland to conclude their enquiries, the committee considered a report by the Chief Officer - Legal and Procurement in relation to requests from the Chief

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Constable for the suspension, in terms of Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence on the grounds that the licence holder was no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of such licences by virtue of the circumstances outlined in the letter from the Chief Constable (Agenda Item 3 refers).

The licence holder was present accompanied by his solicitor, Mr Kinloch.

Chief Inspector McQuilter and Constable Morton, representing the Chief Constable who had made the requests, were also present.

Chief Inspector McQuilter and Constable Morton were heard in respect of the requests submitted by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from Members.

Mr Kinloch was then heard in respect of the requests and in response to questions from Members.

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

On reconvening, having fully discussed the circumstances, the committee agreed that the licences remain suspended pending the outcome of ongoing legal proceedings.

CHAIR