

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

**Minute of Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, on 11 June 2019.**

**Present:**

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

Councillor Convery in the Chair

**Attending:**

Jacqui McCusker, Senior Solicitor; Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; and Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer.

**Also Attending:**

Inspector Brian McGeoch and Constable Lesley-Ann Stevenson, Police Scotland (Item 902 only).

**Apology:**

Councillor Betty Cunningham (Vice-Chair).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

**902.** 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 3 refers).

The applicant was present together with her sister.

Inspector McGeoch and Constable Stevenson representing the Chief Constable who had made an objection in respect of 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 and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for.

Inspector McGeoch 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, 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 her previous conviction.

### **PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

**903.** 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 Operator's Licence (Agenda Item 4 refers).

The applicant was present together with Mr Hepburn, a former employee of Arthurlie Taxis.

The reported explained that the applicant had held a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence since 2011, which had been renewed regularly, with the most recent licence having expired on 21 November 2018. Further information was provided on the reason why the applicant had not renewed his licence by the required date, partly due to installation of a new computer system at Arthurlie Taxis which failed to remind him that his licence required to be renewed. Reference was also made to the current policy which required all new Taxi and Private Hire Operator's Licences to operate a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV).

The applicant and Mr Hepburn were heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from Members during which the applicant requested special permission not to operate a WAV should the application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted.

The committee, having taken account of the information provided, agreed that:-

- (a) the application for a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of 1 year; and
- (b) the applicant be granted special permission not to operate a WAV.

CHAIR