

MINUTE
of
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, on 12 June 2018.

Present:

Councillor Angela Convery (Chair)
Councillor Alan Lafferty

Councillor Stewart Miller

Councillor Convery in the Chair

Attending:

Jacqui McCusker, Senior Solicitor; and Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending:

Chief Inspector John McQuilter and Sergeant Scott Brown, Police Scotland.

Apologies:

Councillors Betty Cunningham (Vice Chair) and Charlie Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

452. 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 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 CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

453. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) regarding an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (Agenda Item 3 refers). The applicant was present together with his Solicitor. Chief Inspector McQuilter and Sergeant Brown, 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.

Sergeant Brown was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable and in response to questions from Members.

The applicant and his Solicitor were then heard in respect of the application and in response to questions from Members, in the course of which the applicant volunteered to sit a Driving Standards Agency Assessment.

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

On reconvening, having taken account of the submission made by the applicant, his previous convictions, their seriousness and relevance to the licence being applied for, and also having taken account of the objection by the Chief Constable, the committee:-

- (a) noted that the applicant had volunteered to undertake a Driving Standards Assessment; and
- (b) agreed that the application be granted for a period of one year subject to the applicant undertaking and passing, at his own cost, a Driving Standards Assessment within 6 months.

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

454. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal & Procurement) regarding an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (Agenda Item 4 refers). The applicant was present. Chief Inspector McQuilter and Sergeant Brown, 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.

Sergeant Brown 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 agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

On reconvening the committee, having taken account of the submission made by the applicant, his 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.