

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL

483. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement in relation to an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence. (Agenda Item 3 refers).

The applicant was present along with his wife.

Sergeant Campbell and Constable Wallace, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an out of time 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 if it wished to consider the out of time objection submitted by the Chief Constable and, if so, what weight it wished to attach to the objection and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for.

The applicant had no objection to the late objection being considered and the Committee agreed to consider the out of time objection. Copies were provided to all Members present.

Sergeant Campbell was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable, who explained that the case was due to be considered in court in the near future.

Due to the above information received in the above update from the Police representatives, the Committee agreed to a short adjournment to consider the matter.

On reconvening, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of this application to a future meeting, to enable it to consider the above information received, after the date of the court case.

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – APPLICATION FOR GRANT

484. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement in relation to an application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence. (Agenda Item 4 refers).

The applicant was not present.

Sergeant Campbell and Constable Wallace, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an out of time objection in respect of the application, were present.

The report explained that in determining the application, it would be for the Committee to decide if it wished to consider the out of time objection submitted by the Chief Constable and, if so, what weight it wished to attach to the objection and its relevance to the type of licence being applied for. However the Committee was informed by Sergeant Campbell that several paragraphs contained in the objection now required to be amended and the Committee agreed to consider a verbal out of time objection provided by the police.

Sergeant Campbell was heard in respect of the objection submitted by the Chief Constable.

The Committee, having taken account of the applicant's 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.

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION

485. The Committee considered a report by the Chief Officer, Legal and Procurement in relation to a request for suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence on the grounds that the applicant was no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence and that carrying on of the activity to which the licence related was likely to cause threat to public order or public safety in terms of Paragraphs 11(1), 11(2)(a) and 11(2)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 by virtue of the circumstances outlined in the letter from the Chief Constable. (Agenda Item 5 refers).

The licensee was present along with his representative, Edward Grice, General Secretary of the Scottish Private Hire Association.

Sergeant Campbell and Constable Wallace, representing the Chief Constable, who had requested the suspension, were also present.

Sergeant Campbell was heard in respect of the request for suspension submitted by the Chief Constable.

The applicant was then heard in respect of the request for suspension.

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

On reconvening, the Committee agreed to suspend the licence in terms of Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for the remaining portion of the licence.

CHAIR

