

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
LICENSING COMMITTEE  
9 JANUARY 2020

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 9 January 2020 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern (Convener), A Coates (up to and including Art. 8), D Illingworth, R McCall, A Parrott and M Williamson.

In Attendance: PC L Gregge (Police Scotland); M McLaren, D Gilkinson, S Michie, and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K Baird, R Brock, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar and R Watters.

Councillor C Ahern (Convener), Presiding.

### **4. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were noted as above.

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct Councillor A Coates declared a non-financial interest in Art. 9.

### **6. MINUTES**

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 14 November 2019 (Arts. 568-578/19) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **7. GRANT OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE – LH136**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/1) regarding Grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence LH136.

The applicant's legal representative, Mr A Hunter was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

#### **Resolved:**

Late Hours Catering Licence LH136 be granted for a period of 3 years with effect from 9 January 2020.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.**

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**8. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE NO. TD1711**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/2) together with (1) a letter of representation dated 17 December 2019 from Police Scotland; (2) a letter providing further information from the Licensing Department dated 18 December 2019; and (3) character references submitted on behalf of the licence holder, regarding Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD1711.

The applicant was in attendance, accompanied by his employer.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant and his employer, and the Licensing Officer, Perth and Kinross Council also addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

**Motion (Councillors C Ahern and A Parrott) – Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1711 be not suspended on the basis that the licence holder continues to attend regular one-to-one meetings with his employer.**

Amendment (Councillor D Illingworth and R McCall) – Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1711 be suspended for a period of two weeks due to the potential risk posed by the holder to public safety.

In terms of Standing Order 55, a roll call vote was taken.

2 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:  
Councillors D Illingworth and R McCall.

4 Members voted for the Motion as follows:  
Councillors C Ahern, A Coates, A Parrott and M Williamson

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, COUNCILLOR A COATES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**9. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1520**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/3) together with (1) a letter of representation dated 10 December 2019 from Police Scotland; and (2) letters of objection dated 11 June 2019 and 22 October 2018 also from Police Scotland regarding Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD1520.

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The applicant was in attendance.

The representatives of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

**Resolved:**

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence No. TD1520 be suspended with effect from 9 January 2020 for the duration of the licence on the grounds that the licence holder is no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

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