

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 21 February 2019 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern (Convener), K Baird, B Brawn, A Coates, D Illingworth, A Jarvis, A Parrott, J Rebbeck and M Williamson.

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Brock, I James, F Sarwar and R Watters.

Councillor C Ahern (Convener), Presiding.

83. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

85. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 10 January 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

86. REVIEW OF CIVIC LICENCE FEES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (19/49) seeking approval for an increase in fees for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

D Merchant, Licensing Manager, advised the Committee of an omission from Appendix 1 to Report 19/49 relating to new applications for taxi/private hire car drivers licences, and explained that no increase to this fee would be applied in light of the decision taken under Art. 8 of the minute of the Licensing Committee of 10 January 2019 which approved the introduction of a £30.00 fee to cover the cost of the new taxi and private hire drivers' knowledge test.

Resolved:

The increase in fees charged as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 19/49 be approved.

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.

87. SUSPENSION OF SKIN PIERCING & TATTOOING LICENCE NO. SP70

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (19/51) together with a letter of objection from Police Scotland dated 22 January 2019 in terms of Schedule 1, Paragraph 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 regarding suspension Skin Piercing and Tattooing Licence (SP70).

The representative from Police Scotland advised the Committee that they had now withdrawn their request for suspension. Thereafter, Art. 87 was withdrawn from the agenda.

88. SUSPENSION OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE NO. TD709

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (19/52) together with a letter of representation dated 6 February 2019 from Police Scotland regarding Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD709.

The applicant was in attendance.

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

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD709 be not suspended.

89. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (1 YEAR) NO. TD1838

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (19/53) together with a letter of representation dated 17 December 2018 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD1838.

The applicant failed to attend.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' question.

Resolved:

Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1838 be refused, on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

90. RENEWAL OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE (3 YEARS) NO. LH120

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (19/50) together with a letter of representation dated 23 November 2018 from Police Scotland regarding Renewal of a Late Hours Catering Licence No. TD1838.

The applicant was in attendance

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Late Hours Catering Licence LH120 be renewed for a period of 3 years with effect from 21 February 2019.

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