

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern (Convener), K Baird, A Coates, D Illingworth, F Sarwar and R Watters.

In Attendance: M McLaren, D Gilkison, S Michie, and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors R Brock, R McCall, A Parrott, J Rebbeck and M Williamson.

Councillor C Ahern (Convener), Presiding.

. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 9 January 2019 (Arts. 4-9) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

. REVIEW OF CIVIC LICENCE FEES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/51) seeking approval for an increase in fees for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Resolved:

The increase in fees charged as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 20/51 be approved.

. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER KNOWLEDGE TEST – UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/52) providing an update on the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver knowledge test following the introduction of the test in January 2019.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress in implementing the knowledge test for Taxi/Private Hire Car drivers since its introduction in January 2019, be noted.
- (ii) It be approved that the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver knowledge test continue to be in place for new applications only.
- (ii) The standard conditions relating to the knowledge test for Taxi/Private Hire Car drivers be updated to include the following additional condition:
“provision be provided to the Committee to have the option of requiring a licence-holder to sit specific sections of or the complete knowledge test dependent on the reasons that they have been brought before the Committee. Should the licence-holder fail the test, the opportunity to re-sit the relevant section be provided. Should the licence-holder subsequently fail any re-sit of the test, then a requirement to appear back before Committee in order to allow Committee to determine their suitability to retain their licence will be necessary”.

. **GRANT OF LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE – LH137**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (20/53) regarding Grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence LH137.

The applicant’s legal representative, Mr A Hunter was in attendance, addressed the Committee.

Resolved:

Late Hours Catering Licence LH137 be granted for a period of 3 years with effect from 20 February 2020.

. **RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1247**

This item of business was withdrawn prior to the meeting.