LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 12 July 2018 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern (Convener), D Illingworth (Vice-Convener), B Brawn, F Sarwar and R Watters.

In Attendance: PC L Gregge and PC C Forbes (both Police Scotland); M McLaren, S McQueen, D Merchant, E Archibald, S Michie and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K Baird, R Brock, A Coates, I James, A Jarvis, 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 24 May 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

. LICENSING OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/237) proposing to date the Resolution in respect of activities licensable in regard to Public Entertainment.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that no licence be required for public entertainment where there is no payment of money or monies worth to gain entry to the entertainment.
- (ii) The terms of the proposed resolution for the licensing of places of public entertainment as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report 18/237, be approved.

. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – TAXI FARE REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/238) outlining the findings of the most recent review of the scale of fares for taxis in Perth and Kinross, which took place in May 2018. The Council is required to carry

out a review of the scale of fares for taxis in Perth and Kinross at intervals of not more than 18 months.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed that the existing scale of fares and tariffs for taxis in Perth and Kinross remains unchanged, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 18/238, provided that no responses are received after it has been advertised in the local press.
- (ii) It be agreed that a further review of the scale of fares and tariffs for taxis in Perth and Kinross be carried out in Summer 2019.

. GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE NO. LH0133

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/232) regarding Grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence LH0133.

Mr S Geddes, representing the applicant, was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Late Hours Catering Licence LH0133 be granted for a period of 3 years with effect from 12 July 2018.

. GRANT OF A SECOND HAND MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS LICENCE NO. MD254

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/236), together with an e-mail of objection dated 7 June 2018, regarding Grant of Second Hand Motor Dealers Licence No. MD254.

The applicant was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered members' questions.

Resolved:

Second Hand Motor Vehicle Dealer's Licence MD254 be granted for a period of 1 year with effect from 12 July 2018.

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.

. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO TD1234

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/235) together with a letter of objection from Police Scotland dated 29 May 2018 in terms of Schedule 1, Paragraph 11(2)(a) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 regarding suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence (TD1234).

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

GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE TD1749

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/233) together with a letter of representation dated 18 April 2018 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD1749.

The applicant failed to attend.

The representative from Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING AN ADJOURNMENT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1749 be granted for a period of 1 year with effect from 12 July 2018.

. GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE TD1759

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (18/234) together with a letter of representation dated 6 June 2018 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No. TD1759.

The Committee noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

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