LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Bailies C Ahern, R Brock and M Williamson, Councillors H Anderson, K Allan, S Carr, E Drysdale, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I MacPherson, C Reid, G Stewart and W Robertson.

In Attendance: A Brown, J Guild, M McLaren, S Michie, M Pasternak and D Rankine (all Corporate and Democratic Services), J Gordon and D Smith (Police Scotland).

Bailie M Williamson, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 27 October 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

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.

For the following items, Councillor I MacPherson, took the Chair.

P1. RENEWAL OF SECOND HAND DEALERS LICENCE – SD424 – 3 YEAR

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/302) together with a letter of objection dated 21 October 2022 and request for suspension dated 7 January 2021, both from Police Scotland, regarding Renewal of a Second Hand Dealers Licence.

The applicant was in attendance.

The representative of Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant's Solicitor, Mr R Hall, also addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Renewal of Second Hand Dealers Licence, be deferred pending the outcome of criminal proceedings and brought back to the next available meeting of the Licensing Committee, scheduled to take place on 6 March 2023.

P2. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1704 – 3 YEAR

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/303) together with a letter of representation dated 2 November 2022 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence.

The applicant failed to attend.

Resolved:

Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence, be deferred until the next available meeting of the Licensing Committee, scheduled to take place on Monday 30 January 2023.

P3. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD2155 – 3 YEAR

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/304) together with a letter of representation dated 24 October 2022 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence.

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:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence, be granted for a period of one year.