

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth, on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 10:00am.

Present: Bailie M Williamson, Councillors K Allan (Up to an including Item P4), H Anderson, S Carr, M Frampton, K Harvey and I MacPherson.

In Attendance: J Guild, M McLaren, S Michie, M Pasternak and R Ramsay (all Corporate and Democratic Services), J Gordon and K Thomson-Craig (Police Scotland).

Apologies for Absence: Bailies C Ahern and R Brock, Councillors D Illingworth, C Reid, W Robertson and G Stewart.

Bailie M Williamson, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

COUNCILLOR I MACPHERSON TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS.

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.

P1. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2202

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/160) together with a letter of objection dated 18 April 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2202.

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 Driver Licence No TD2202, be granted for a period of one year.

P2. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2212

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/161) together with a letter of objection dated 10 April 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2212.

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:

Application for Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2212, be refused.

P3. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2220

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/162) together with a letter of objection dated 28 April 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2220.

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 Driver Licence No. TD2220, be granted for a period of one year.

P4. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2222

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/163) together with a letter of objection dated 4 May 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2222.

The applicant was in attendance, accompanied by Mr Sandy Smith of Perth Radio Taxis.

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

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2222, be granted for a period of three years.

COUNCILLOR K ALLAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

P5. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD2213

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/164) together with a letter of objection dated 26 April 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2213.

The applicant failed to attend.

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

Resolved:

Application for Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2213, be refused.