

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 24 February 2021 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Ahern (Convener), K Baird, B Brawn, R Brock D Illingworth, R McCall, A Parrott, J Rebbeck, C Stewart and M Williamson.

In Attendance: D Gilkison, M McLaren, S Michie and D Williams (all Corporate and Democratic Services); and I MacDonald (HKZ Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors W Robertson and F Sarwar.

Councillor C Ahern (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

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 7 October 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

With regards to Item P3 of the minute, Grant of Window Cleaner Licence No. WC359, Councillor Brock raised a query as to the status of this application, as the minute had noted it was to be deferred and brought back to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee. S Michie advised members that this application had now been withdrawn by the Applicant.

4. SURVEY OF UNMET DEMAND

There was submitted a report by Head of Legal and Governance outlining the findings of a recent survey of unmet demand for taxis in Perth and Blairgowrie, completed by LVSA (Licensed Vehicle Surveys & Assessment).

I MacDonald, HKZ Services Ltd. was in attendance to answer questions from members.

Resolved:

The Committee:

- (i) Noted the findings of the survey carried out by HKZ Services Ltd, trading as LVSA.

- (ii) Agreed the current limit of 70 taxi operator licences in Perth be increased to 80.
- (iii) Agreed that the additional 5 new licenses should have a condition added to ensure that the vehicles associated with the licences are Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles for the duration of the licences.
- (iv) Agreed that the additional 5 new licences be awarded by means of lottery or draw.
- (v) Agreed that the current limit of 12 taxi operator licences for Blairgowrie be removed with immediate effect.
- (vi) Agreed that any new taxi licences granted for Blairgowrie should have an additional condition added to ensure that the vehicles associated with the licences are Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles for the duration of the licences.

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