

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth, on Monday 21 August 2023 at 1:00pm.

Present: Bailie C Ahern and R Brock, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, S Carr, M Frampton, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I MacPherson, C Reid (Up to Item P4) and G Stewart.

In Attendance: K Engelberts, J Guild, M McLaren, S Michie, M Pasternak, R Ramsay and D Rankine (all Corporate and Democratic Services), J Gordon and T Baynham (Police Scotland).

Apologies for Absence: Bailie M Williamson and W Robertson.

Councillor I MacPherson, 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

In terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct, Councillor M Frampton declared a non-financial interest in Item P4.

3. MINUTES

- (i) The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 10 July 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.
- (ii) The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 9 August 2023 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.

P1. GRANT OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE –TD2241

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/216) together with a letter of objection dated 12 July 2023 from Police Scotland, regarding Grant of Taxi Driver Licence TD2241.

The applicant was in attendance via video link.

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

FOLLOW A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Application for Taxi Driver Licence No. TD2241, be refused.

P2. RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – TD442

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/217) together with a letter of objection dated 22 November 2022 and a request for suspension dated 2 November 2022, both from Police Scotland, regarding Renewal of Taxi Driver Licence TD442.

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. TD442, be renewed.

P3. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD1681

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/218) together with two requests for suspension dated 18 July 2023 and 15 August 2023, both from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD1681.

The applicant failed to attend.

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

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence No. TD1681, be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, COUNCILLOR M FRAMPTON LEFT THE CHAMBER AT THIS POINT.

COUNCILLOR C REID LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

P4. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE – TD2189

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (23/219) together with a request for suspension dated 14 July 2023, from Police Scotland, regarding Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence TD2189.

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 No. TD2189, be suspended for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence.