

Motherwell, 2 December 2015 at 10.00 am.

A Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors Bonnar, Farooq, Irvine, McVey, Nolan and P. O'Rourke.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services) and Acting Managing Solicitor (Licensing and Litigation).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Brady, Glasgow Division and Sergeant Tomlinson, Lanarkshire Division, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Love, McKendrick and Sullivan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – COMPLAINT - JAVED ZEESHAN

2. The Acting Managing Solicitor advised (1) that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a complaint (tabled) had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, relative to the behaviour of Javed Zeeshan who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Sergeant Tomlinson outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Javed Zeeshan speak in respect of the complaint and table additional information in mitigation.

Thereafter, Javed Zeeshan and the representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Javed Zeeshan and the representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Javed Zeeshan, who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, be not upheld.

(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE – RENEWAL - FRANK CHRISTIE

3. The Acting Managing Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Frank Christie for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence had been received, and (2) that Frank Christie did not have a vehicle that was compliant with the Council's specification.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant speak in respect of the application.

Thereafter, the applicant and the representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

The applicant and the representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Frank Christie for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted to 30 April 2016.

(3) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – RENEWAL - JOHN DOCHERTY

4. The Acting Managing Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by John Docherty for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Sub-Committee then heard Sergeant Brady outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application, and John Docherty's agent, Kevin McCarron, Ness, Gallagher and Company, Solicitors, speak in support of the application.

Thereafter, John Docherty, Kevin McCarron and the representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

John Docherty, Kevin McCarron and the representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by John Docherty for the renewal of his Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.

(4) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - HELEN MCGROARTY

5. The Acting Managing Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Helen McGroarty for a Street Trader's Licence, to enable her to trade from a static snack van at Kilmartin Place at Tannochside Drive, Uddingston had been received, and (2) that late objections to the application had been received from the Head of Roads and Transportation and Sharon Shanley, local trader.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) William Blakeway outline the reason for the Head of Roads and Transportation's objection being submitted late; (2) Sharon Shanley outline the reason for her objection being submitted late, and (3) Helen McGroarty indicate that she had no objection to the late objections being considered.

The Sub-Committee, having determined that the late objections be considered, heard William Blakeway outline the Head of Roads and Transportation's objection to the application; Sharon Shanley outline her objection to the application, and Helen McGroarty speak in support of her application and table photographs in mitigation.

Thereafter, Helen McGroarty, William Blakeway, Sharon Shanley and the representatives of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Helen McGroarty, William Blakeway, Sharon Shanley and the representatives of the Police were then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that the application by Helen McGroarty for a Street Trader's Licence be refused.