

Motherwell, 17 August 2011 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillor McAuley, Vice-Convener; Councillors Ferrie and Irvine.

CHAIR

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services), and Principal Solicitor (Licensing).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Neil Slamin, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Clarke, Harmon, Homer, S. Love, McElroy 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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph* of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

HEARINGS

(1) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - AAMIR AHMAD

2. The Principal Solicitor advised 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, Strathclyde Police relative to the behaviour of Aamir Ahmad who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Aamir Ahmad was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in Aamir Ahmad's absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's complaint.

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

The representative of the Police was then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Private Hire Car Driver's Licence currently held by Aamir Ahmad be suspended for the unexpired duration of the licence.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - COMPLAINT - WILLIAM MCWHINNIE

3. The Principal 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 by the Council's Licensing Enforcement Officer relative to the behaviour of William McWhinnie who currently held a Taxi Driver's Licence, and (2) that William McWhinnie had written to the Council advising that he was unable to be in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in William McWhinnie's absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Neil Slamin, Licensing Enforcement Officer outline the complaint.

Thereafter, Neil Slamin and the representative of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Neil Slamin and the representative of the Police was then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Taxi Driver's Licence currently held by William McWhinnie be suspended for 14 days.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE - COMPLAINT - MOHAMMAD AKBAR

4. The Principal Solicitor advised 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, Strathclyde Police relative to the behaviour of Mohammad Akbar who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's complaint and Mohammad Akbar's agent Theresa McWilliams, Trainor Alston, Solicitors, speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter, Mohammad Akbar, Theresa McWilliams and the representative of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

Mohammad Akbar, Theresa McWilliams and the representative of the Police was then re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the complaint relative to the behaviour of Mohammad Akbar be not upheld and his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and Private Hire Car Licence be not suspended.

(4) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - FRANK THOMSON

5. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by Frank Thomson for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick speak in respect of the application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Frank Thomson for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - BRIAN CALLAGHAN

6. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that consideration of an application (tabled) by Brian Callaghan for the renewal of his Window Cleaner's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Fitzpatrick outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Brian Callaghan speak in support of his application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Brian Callaghan for the renewal of his Window Cleaner's Licence be granted.