

Motherwell, 19 September 2012 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors McLaren, McVey, Nolan and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

John Waddell, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Farooq, Harmon, Love, McKendrick and Majid.

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) ITINERANT METAL DEALER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - MAURICE KING

2. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Maurice King for an Itinerant Metal Dealer's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Maurice King was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that consideration of the application by Maurice King for an Itinerant Metal Dealer's Licence be continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – COMPLAINT - CHRISTOPHER GILLESPIE

3. The Chief Solicitor advised that, in terms of paragraph 12 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 Christopher Gillespie who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Christopher Gillespie was not in attendance.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter in Christopher Gillespie's absence.

The Sub-Committee then heard John Waddell 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 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Christopher Gillespie be upheld, and the Private Hire Car Driver's Licence currently held by him be suspended with immediate effect.

(3) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) JOHN LAFFERTY

4. The Chief Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by John Lafferty for a Window Cleaner's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant and John Waddell speak in respect of the 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 John Lafferty for a Window Cleaner's Licence be granted.

(b) MARTIN LOWE

5. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Martin Lowe for a Window Cleaner's Licence had been received, and (2) that a late objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Sub-Committee then heard John Waddell explain the reasons for the Chief Constable's objection being submitted late and Martin Lowe indicate that he had no objection to the late objection being considered.

The Sub-Committee then heard John Waddell outline the Chief Constable's objection (tabled) to the application and Martin Lowe speak in support of his application and table a letter from Linden and Company, Solicitors in mitigation.

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 Martin Lowe for a Window Cleaner's Licence be granted.