Motherwell, 5 December 2012 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors Harmon, Irvine, Love, McKendrick, Majid and Nolan.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector Higgins, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

In respect of item 2(a) – Mr. Thabarsum, Global Interpreting Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McLaren and McVey.

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

1.   Councillor Majid declared an interest in paragraph 6 below as the applicant was known to him and took no part in the discussion thereof.

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

(a) COMPLAINT - JOHN McVEY

2.   The Chief 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 John McVey who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Inspector Higgins outline the Chief Constable's complaint, John McVey's agent, Andrew Steven, Watters Steven and Company, Solicitors, and John McVey's friend, Jackie McDonald speak in respect of the complaint.

Thereafter John McVey, Andrew Steven, Jackie McDonald and the representative of the Police withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the matter.

John McVey, Andrew Steven, Jackie McDonald and the representative of the Police were re-admitted to the meeting.

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

(b) NEW APPLICATIONS

(A) GEORGE KUTTICKAL

3.   With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 31 October 2012, the Chief Solicitor advised that consideration of an application by George Kuttickal for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

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

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

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

Decided: that the application by George Kuttickal for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(B) ALLA MOHCENE

4.   The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Alla Mohcene for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Alla Mohcene 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 Alla Mohcene be continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(2) PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - RICHARD WILMOT

5.   The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Richard Wilmot for a Public Entertainment Licence had been received, and (2) that objections to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Sub-Committee then heard Richard Wilmot speak in support of his application.

Thereafter, the applicant, 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 Richard Wilmot for a Public Entertainment Licence be granted, subject to trading not exceeding a maximum number of 28 days in total, in any calendar year and subject to the conditions set out by the Head of Roads and Transportation.

Councillor Majid declared an interest in the following item of business as the applicant was known to him.

(3) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE - RENEWAL - PHILIP BERRY

6.   The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Philip Berry for the renewal of his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection to the application had been received from the Executive Director of Environmental Services; (3) that the Executive Director of Environmental Services had thereafter withdrawn his objection to the application, and (4) that the application had subsequently been granted under delegated powers.

Decided: that it be noted that the application by Philip Berry for the renewal of his Second Hand Dealer's Licence had been granted under delegated power.

(4) STREET TRADER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - NICOLA STEVENSON

7.   The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Nicola Stevenson for a Street Trader's Licence to enable her to trade from a static snack van at Ellismuir Way, Tannochside, Uddingston had been received, and (2) that the application had attracted comments from the Executive Director of Environmental Services.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Nicola Stevenson was not in attendance.

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

Decided: that the application by Nicola Stevenson for a Street Trader's Licence be continued to allow the applicant another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support her application.