

Motherwell, 18 February 2013 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillors Farooq, McAuley, McKendrick and Sullivan.

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor W. Hogg, Councillor McAuley (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Inspector Wright, "N" Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Harmon, Hogg, Irvine, Love, McVey, Majid and Nolan.

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

1. Councillor Farooq declared an interest in paragraph 2 below, as the Licence holder was known to him.

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 – COMPLAINTS

Councillor Farooq declared an interest in the following item of business as the Licence holder was known to him, withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the consideration thereof.

(a) ALIWAN ABDULBAST

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Abdulbast request that consideration of the complaint be continued to allow him to consult with a legal representative.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Aliwan Abdulbast be continued to allow the Licence holder another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the matter.

(b) MOHAMMED FAROOQ

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

The Sub-Committee then heard Mr. Farooq request that consideration of the complaint be continued to permit an interpreter to be present.

Decided: that, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Mohammed Farooq be continued to allow the licence holder another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the matter.

(2) TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - BRIAN CRAIGHEAD

4. The Chief Solicitor advised that an application by Brian Craighead for a Taxi Driver's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard Chief Inspector Wright speak in respect of the application and the applicant's agent, Jim Kelly speak in support of the application and table a character reference in support of the application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Brian Craighead for a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted.