

Motherwell, 3 April 2013 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors Farooq, Irvine, Love, Majid 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

Chief Inspector Connell, Lanarkshire Division, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Harmon, McAuley, McKendrick, McVey and Nolan.

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 – COMPLAINTS

(a) MOHAMMED FAROOQ

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, Police Scotland, relative to the behaviour of Mohammed Farooq who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee then heard Mohammed Farooq, for the reasons he stated, request that consideration of the complaint be continued to allow him another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of the complaint.

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

Mohammed Farooq and the representative of the Police were re-admitted to the meeting.

Decided: that consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Mohammed Farooq be continued to allow Mohammed Farooq another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

(b) ANDRZEJ SZLYK

3. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) 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, Police Scotland, relative to the behaviour of Andrzej Szlyk who currently held a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence, and (2) that Andrzej Szlyk had contacted the Council to advise that he had recently moved home and did not receive the correspondence citing him to the meeting

Decided: that consideration of the complaint by the Chief Constable relative to the behaviour of Andrzej Szlyk be continued to allow Andrzej Szlyk another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in respect of the complaint.

(2) SECOND HAND DEALER'S LICENCE – COMPLAINT - PAUL CARRACHER

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 30 January 2013, 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, Police Scotland, relative to the behaviour of Paul Carracher who currently held a Second Hand Dealer's Licence.

The Administrative Officer then indicated that Paul Carracher was not in attendance

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

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

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

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

Decided: that the Second Hand Dealer's Licence currently held by Paul Carracher be suspended with immediate effect for the unexpired duration of the Licence.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ANDREW CAMPBELL

5. The Chief Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Andrew Campbell for a Private Hire Car 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 Chief Inspector Connell outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Andrew Campbell and his father speak in support of the application.

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

The applicant, his father and the representative of the Police were re-admitted to the meeting

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