

Motherwell, 24 July 2013 at 10 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor W. Hogg, Convener; Councillors Farooq, McAuley, McVey, Majid, Nolan and Sullivan.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Hogg (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant McGovern, Lanarkshire Division, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Clinch, Love and McKendrick.

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

1. No declarations were made.

HEARINGS

(1) TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - IAN DYMOCK

2. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by Ian Dymock for a Taxi Operator's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant's representative, Mr. Oats, Redline Taxis speak in respect of the application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by Ian Dymock for a Taxi Operator's Licence be granted.

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.

(2) PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - ALEXANDER MACKIE

3. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that applications (tabled) by Alexander Mackie for a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that objections to the applications (tabled) had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.

The Sub-Committee then heard Sergeant McGovern outline the Chief Constable's objections to the applications and Alexander Mackie speak in support of his applications.

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.

Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Sullivan moved that the applications by Alexander Mackie for a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and a private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

Councillor McAuley, seconded by Councillor Hogg moved, as an amendment, that the applications by Alexander Mackie for a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 5 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided: that the applications by Alexander Mackie for a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence and a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be granted.

(3) PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - NEW APPLICATION - MUHAMMAD SHAHID

4. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application by Muhammad Shahid for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence had been received, and (2) that Muhammad Shahid had made contact with the Council to advise that, due to a family illness, he was unable to be in attendance.

Decided: that consideration be continued to allow Muhammad Shahid another opportunity to appear before the Sub-Committee to speak in support of his application.

(4) WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE

(a) NEW APPLICATION - GEORGE PATE

5. The Principal Solicitor advised that an application (tabled) by George Pate for a Window Cleaner's Licence had been received.

The Sub-Committee then heard the applicant's agent, David Linguard, Leonards Solicitors and Sergeant McGovern, speak in respect of the application.

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

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

Decided: that the application by George Pate for a Window Cleaner's Licence be granted for a period of one year.

(b) RENEWAL - DOUGLAS JOHN MARTIN

6. The Principal Solicitor advised (1) that an application (tabled) by Douglas John Martin for the renewal of his Window Cleaner's Licence had been received; (2) that an objection (tabled) to the application had been received from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, and (3) that the Chief Constable wished to introduce further information.

The Sub-Committee having enquired as to the general nature of the further information, was provided, in broad terms, with such information by Sergeant McGovern, who advised why, in the Chief Constable's opinion, the further information should be disclosed.

The Sub-Committee then heard Douglas John Martin advise that he objected to the further information being disclosed.

The Sub-Committee having determined that the further information should be disclosed (tabled) then heard Sergeant McGovern give details of the further information (tabled) and outline the Chief Constable's objection to the application and Douglas John Martin speak in support of the application and table character references.

Thereafter, Douglas John Martin 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 Douglas John Martin for the renewal of his Window Cleaner's Licence be granted for a period of one year.