

Committee Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

Edinburgh, 17 August 2011

Present:- Councillors Munn (Convener), Lang (Vice-Convener), Cairns, Henderson, Kate MacKenzie and Snowden.

1 Request for Refund of Application Fee – Scott Neave Taxis Ltd

A request had been received for a refund of the application fee for variation of a taxi licence to allow display of advertisements for a charitable organisation. The application for display of the advertisement had been granted.

Decision

To refund the fee of £91 to the applicant.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

2 Wheelchair Accessible Taxis – Fitness of Taxi Drivers

The Convener ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency in order that it be considered timeously.

Details were given of 14 requests from taxi drivers for exemptions from compliance with Condition 129 of the Council's Standard Licensing Conditions for Taxis, Private Hire Cars, Taxi Drivers and Private Car Hire Drivers.

The Council's Medical Adviser had recommended that the exemptions be granted as detailed in the appendix to the report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services.

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Decision

To grant the exemptions as detailed in the report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

3 Resolution to Consider in Private

The Sub-Committee, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3, 12 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

4 Applications for Miscellaneous Licences – Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Details were provided of 21 applications for miscellaneous licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee agreed in the interests of public safety, to hear objections to applications submitted outwith the statutory period in terms of Paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

To determine applications as detailed in the Confidential Schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

(Reference – list of applications, submitted.)

Dissent

Councillor Cairns requested that his dissent from the decision on item B1.15 be recorded.

Councillor Snowden requested that his dissent from the decision on item B1.19 be recorded.

5 Taxi Driver's Licence – Suspension and Renewal Application

Details were given of a complaint received from the Chief Constable requesting the suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence and objecting to an application for the renewal of a Taxi Licence on the grounds that the licence holder was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

The Sub-Committee was invited to consider whether or not to suspend the Taxi Driver's Licence with or without immediate effect and to consider the renewal application for the Taxi Licence.

The licence holder was heard.

Decision

To renew the licence subject to the Council's Standard Licensing Conditions.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)