

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00 am, Friday, 16 May 2014

Present

Councillor Barrie (Convener), Blacklock, Gardner, Bill Henderson and Redpath.

1. 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.

2. Protocol for Evidential Hearing

Decision

The Meeting Protocol to be followed for the Evidential Hearing was agreed

(Reference – Meeting Protocol, submitted.)

4. Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – Evidential Hearing

At its meeting on 2 April 2014 the Licensing Sub-Committee continued consideration of a complaint from a member of the public against the holder of a private hire car driver's licence to hold an evidential hearing.

The Sub-Committee heard submissions from the Community Safety Manager, the Complainant and Licence Holder and all parties were questioned by the other and the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee also heard evidence from the Cab Inspector who had been called as a witness by the Community Safety Manager.

The Sub-Committee deliberated in private and invited the Community Safety Manager and the Licence Holder back to hear the decision reached. The Complainant had advised that they did not require to remain to hear the decision and were not present.

Decision 1

To agree that the complaint had merit and that the Sub-Committee had heard enough at this meeting to consider that this issue required the suspension of the licence.

The Sub-Committee at this point heard representations from the Licence Holders representative on the duration of the suspension and whether it should be with or without immediate effect.

Decision 2

To suspend the private Hire Car Driver's Licence with immediate effect until expiry

(References – Licensing Sub-Committee 2 April 2014 (Item 4); report by the Head of Service, Community Safety, submitted.)