

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

10.00 am Friday 7 October 2016

Present

Councillor Bridgeman (Convener), Blacklock (Vice-Convener), Aitken, Cairns, Doran, Heslop, Lunn and Redpath.

1. Request for Fee Refund – Market Operator’s Licence – Edinburgh Vegan Festival

Details were provided of a request on behalf of the Edinburgh Vegan Festival to refund the application fee for a Market operator’s Licence

Louise Pinchon (Event Organisers) and the appropriate Council officers were heard.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the request.
2. To refuse the request

(Reference - report by the Head of Housing and Regulatory Services, submitted)

2. Application for House In Multiple Occupation Licence New – 89 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh

Details were provided of an application for a new House In Multiple Occupation Licence by Nahid Akram at 89 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh for a maximum of 11 occupants.

A total of 79 objections had been received

Mr T Woolley, Mrs D Woolley, Ms L Woolley, Mrs Cairns and Mr J Bryce (objectors), the applicant and their legal agent Mr Nicoll, the Chief Constables representative and the appropriate Council officers were heard.

Motion

1. To repel the objections and grant the licence subject to the Council’s standard conditions for this category of licence.
2. To note the applicant’s assurance that a ‘no smoking in the premises’ clause would be included in tenants leases.

3. To note the applicant's assurance that they would undertake reasonable soundproofing works to prevent noise transmission to the neighbouring property.
- moved by Councillor Bridgman, Seconded by Councillor Lunn

Amendment

To refuse the application for the reason that the property was not suitable for use as a house in multiple occupation.

- Moved by Councillor Blacklock, Seconded by Councillor Aitken.

Voting

For the motion: 4 votes

For the amendment: 4 votes

The number of votes being equal, the Convener gave his casting vote for the motion.

Decision

1. To repel the objections and grant the licence subject to the Council's standard conditions for this category of licence.
2. To note the applicant's assurance that a 'no smoking in the premises' clause would be included in tenants leases.
3. To note the applicant's assurance that they would undertake reasonable soundproofing works to prevent noise transmission to the neighbouring property.

(Reference – Application details, submitted)

3. Applications for New Private Hire Car Licences

Details were provided of two applications by David Carr for Private Hire Car Vehicle Licences.

Mr Carr and the appropriate Council officers were heard.

Decision

To grant the licences subject to:

1. The Council's standard conditions for this category of licence, and;
2. The vehicle only to be used for contract work involving schoolchildren or Social Work clients who require wheelchairs, and would not be used as a Private Hire Car to undertake other bookings.

(Reference – report by the Head of Housing and Regulatory Services, submitted)

4. 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 item of business on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

5. Street Trader's Licence Applications – September to November 2016 - Request to Refuse Applications

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing and Regulatory Services seeking the refusal of a number of Street Trader Licence applications for the period September to November 2016.

The applicant's legal agent and the appropriate Council officers were heard.

Decision

1. To instruct the Executive Director of Place to submit a report to a meeting of the regulatory Committee to be held at 9 am on Friday 21 October 2016 with proposals to amend the existing Street Trader policy to prohibit the submission of multiple applications by businesses and individuals in the name of employees, associates or family members in order to increase their chances of obtaining stances for the stances in the High Street or Hunter Square
2. To take no action on the report by the Head of Housing and Regulatory Services
3. All applications for dates remaining to be placed in a ballot for the period to November 2016.
4. To note that one of the applications had been withdrawn.

(Reference – report by the Head of Housing and Regulatory Services, submitted)