

Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Tuesday 6 February 2018

Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Barrie, Burgess, Dixon, Rose, Neil Ross, Smith and Wilson.

1. Criminal Records Checks for Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence Applicants Born Outwith the United Kingdom

The Regulatory Committee on 8 January 2018 approved in principle a motion by Councillor Burgess requesting a change to the policy on Criminal Records Checks for existing taxi and private hire car (PHC) driver's licence holders born outwith the United Kingdom and continued consideration of the matter for a report by the Executive Director of Place on changes to the wording of the policy to accommodate the proposed changes to the policy.

Details were provided of a minor change to the policy which would allow existing taxi and PHC drivers who were unable to obtain the relevant criminal convictions check to apply for a licence renewal. These applications would be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee to determine if the applicant should be exempt from the requirement to produce the requested criminal convictions certificate.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report;
- 2) To approve the changes set out in paragraphs 3.7 to 3.9 of the report by the Executive Director of Place in respect of applicants applying to renew their licence; and
- 3) To approve the proposed new guidelines set out in appendix 2 and revised Policy on Criminal Records Checks at appendix 3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(Reference – Regulatory Committees 8 January 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

2. Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell - Baby and Carer Screenings

The following motion by Councillor Mary Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29:

“Committee:

Notes that cinemas in Scotland are licensed by the Council under the Cinemas Act 1985 and each cinema must adhere to statutory requirements and local conditions of licence;

Notes that currently in Edinburgh local condition 2 is applied, which requires cinemas to restrict access to films by children or young people where they are under the age of the relevant age certificate issued by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) and that this means any screening for parents and carers can only show certificate U, PG and 12A films;

Notes however, that the Council can vary conditions of licence within the framework of the Act and can consider varying the requirements controlling admission of children for specific cinema screenings;

Therefore agrees to call for a report on the feasibility of operating a scheme which would allow an infant not older than 12 months to attend specific screenings of age restricted performances provided they are accompanied by a parent or carer over the age of 18.

- moved by Councillor Mary Campbell, seconded by Councillor Burgess

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Mary Campbell.