

# Item 3.2 - Minutes

## Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday 8 January 2019

### Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Child (substituting for Councillor Arthur), Dixon, Miller (substituting for Councillor Burgess from item B7.1.7 onwards), Mitchell, Rose, Neil Ross, Smith and Watt (substituting for Councillor Wilson).

### 1. Resolution to Consider in Private

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The Sub-Committee, agreed under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3, 6, 12 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

### 2. Requests for Suspension or Revocation of Licences

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The Sub-Committee considered a request by the Executive Director of Place to suspend or revoke a Taxi Driver Licence and a Taxi Operator Licence.

#### Decision

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

(Reference – report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

### 3. Police Request for Suspension or Revocation of Licence

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The Sub-Committee considered a request by the Chief Constable to suspend or revoke a Taxi Driver Licence.

#### Decision

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

(Reference – report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

### 4. Request for Suspension or Revocation of Licence

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The Sub-Committee considered a request by the Executive Director of Place to suspend or revoke a Private Hire Car Operator Licence.

## **Decision**

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

(Reference – report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

## **5. Application for Private Hire Car Driver Licence**

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On 6 February 2018 the Regulatory Committee had agreed to amend its policy regarding existing taxi and private hire car drivers who were unable to obtain the relevant criminal convictions check to apply for a licence renewal.

The Sub-Committee considered a request for renewal of a private hire car driver licence.

## **Decision**

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

(References – Regulatory Committee 6 February 2018 (item 1); report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

## **6. Application for New Taxi Licence**

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On 16 March 2018 the Regulatory Committee had agreed to maintain the limitation policy and to fix the number of available taxi licences at 1,316.

On 7 January 2019 the Regulatory Committee considered the Interim Demand Survey and agreed that there was presently no significant unmet demand for taxis in the city and therefore would maintain the limit of 1,316 taxis licensed in the city.

The Sub-Committee considered a request for a new Taxi Licence.

## **Decision**

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

(References – Regulatory Committee 16 March 2018 (item 7); Regulatory Committee 7 January 2019 (item 6); report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

## **7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – To consider miscellaneous applications**

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Details were provided of 10 applications for miscellaneous licences. The applicants and their agents were heard.

## **Decision**

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

(Reference – list of applications, submitted)

## 8. Applications to Vary the Conditions of Taxi or Private Hire Car Licences: Exemption to Policy

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The Regulatory Committee had agreed to amend its policy and licensing conditions regarding the age and emissions standards of licensed vehicles in Edinburgh's Taxi and Private Hire Car fleet at its meeting on 16 March 2018.

Three requests had been received for exemptions to this policy. The licence holders and relevant Council officers were heard.

### **Decision**

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

(References – Regulatory Committee 16 March 2018 (item 1); report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)