

Item 3.3 - Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday 30 April 2019

Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Booth (substituting for Councillor Burgess, item 7), Child (substituting for Councillor Arthur, items 1 to 7), Dixon (items 1 to 7), Rose, Neil Ross (items 1 to 7), Smith (items 1 to 7) and Wilson.

1. Resolution to Consider in Private

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. Police Requests for Suspension or Revocation of Licences

The Sub-Committee considered three requests by Police Scotland to suspend or revoke a Private Hire Driver Licence or a Taxi Driver 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. Suspension of Private Hire Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request by Police Scotland to suspend a Private Hire Driver 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)

4. Request for Variation – Private Hire Car Licence

On 22 May 2009, the Regulatory Committee approved a requirement that all private hire cars would have to carry self-adhesive plastic oval signs on their front doors stating 'Pre-booked Hires Only'.

The Sub-Committee considered a request by a private hire car licence holder that his licence conditions be varied so that he could remove the 'Pre-booked Hires Only' stickers from his private hire car.

Decision

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

(References – Regulatory Committee 22 May 2009 (item 3); report by the Regulatory Services Manager, submitted)

5. Request for Consideration of Renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee considered an application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's 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)

6. Application for Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

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's 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)

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

Details were provided of 15 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

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.

28 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 Schedules, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

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