

Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday 22 October 2019

Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Dixon (Vice-Convener), Howie, Mitchell, Rose and Neil Ross.

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. Application for New Taxi Vehicle Licence – Tait/Brown Partnership

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new taxi licence from the partnership Tait/Brown. The death of the licence holder had resulted in the new application in order for family members to obtain a licence to keep the taxi in operation.

Decision

To **GRANT** the licence subject to the standard conditions for this category of licence and a suitable vehicle being presented for and passing inspection by the Taxi Examination Centre.

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

3. Application for New Taxi Vehicle Licence – 504 Scottaxis Ltd

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new taxi licence from the partnership 504 Scottaxis Ltd. The death of the licence holder had resulted in the new application in order for family members to obtain a licence to keep the taxi in operation.

Decision

- 1) To **GRANT** the licence subject to the standard conditions for this category of licence and a suitable vehicle being presented for and passing inspection by the Taxi Examination Centre.
- 2) To **VARY** the licence conditions to allow an exemption to policy for a period of 1 year to expiry of licence in September 2020.

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

4. Police Requests for Suspension or Revocation of Licences

The Sub-Committee considered eight requests by Police Scotland to suspend Private Hire Car Driver Licences. Police Scotland, the licence holders and their agents were heard.

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)

5. Request to Recall Suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request to recall the suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence. The Regulatory Services Manager, licence holder and his agent were heard.

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)

6. Request to Recall Suspension of a Taxi Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request to recall the suspension of a Taxi Licence. The Regulatory Services Manager and the licence holder were heard.

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)

7. Application for Renewal of Taxi 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 taxi 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)

8. Application for Renewal of Private Hire 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 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)

9. Application for Renewal of Private Hire 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 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)

10. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Miscellaneous Applications

Details were provided of 16 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)