

## Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday 12 January 2021

### Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Dixon (Vice-Convener), Arthur (excluding items 5.4 and B7.1a), Mitchell, Mowat, Rae, Rose, Neil Ross and Wilson.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 8 December 2020 as a correct record.

### 2. Request for Fee Refund - Market Operator Licence – Edinburgh Farmers' Market

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The Council had received a request on behalf of the organisers of Edinburgh Farmers' Market at Castle Terrace to agree to accept a reduced application fee for a Market Operator Licence.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the terms of the request.
- 2) To **CONTINUE** consideration of the application to the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 1 February 2021 to allow the applicant to attend.

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

### 3. Application for Grant of Taxi Licence - LPG Conversion - Plate 115 - R & S Swan

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A new application had been received for the grant of a Taxi Licence for a vehicle converted to LPG. The current policy allowed applications to be granted for vehicles which were currently within the existing fleet. As this vehicle was not currently within the fleet the application was referred to the Sub-Committee for determination.

#### Decision

- 1) To **AGREE** to consider the matter in the absence of the applicant.
- 2) To **GRANT** the licence subject to the standard conditions for this category of licence and the vehicle being presented for and passing inspection by the Taxi Examination Centre.

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

#### 4. Application for Grant of Private Hire Car Licences - LPG Conversions - Abassi Private Hire LP

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A new application had been received for the grant of two Private Hire Car Licences for vehicles converted to LPG. The current policy allowed applications to be granted for vehicles which were currently within the existing fleet. As the vehicles were not currently within the fleet the application was referred to the Sub-Committee for determination.

##### Decision

- 1) To **AGREE** to consider the matter in the absence of the applicant.
- 2) To **GRANT** the licences subject to the standard conditions for this category of licence and the vehicles being presented for and passing inspections by the Taxi Examination Centre.

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

#### 5. Applications for Grant of House in Multiple Occupation Licences – Request for Exemption from Policy - 4-5 Parliament Street

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Details were provided of applications received from Dunedin Canmore Housing Ltd for the grant of House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licences for five properties at 4-5 Parliament Street, Edinburgh. The properties had been licensed as HMOs for many years and were used by the Council as supported homeless accommodation. The licences had been allowed to lapse in error during the lockdown period and members were advised they were required to be treated as new applications.

The properties had been inspected by Council officers and some minor issues which had not met the required physical standards had been identified as set out in the appendix to the report. The applicant had therefore requested exemptions from policy to allow the accommodation to continue to operate.

##### Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To **GRANT** the licences and the requests for exemption from policy subject to the Council's standard conditions for this category of licence.

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

#### 6. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 – to consider miscellaneous applications

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

##### Decision

To determine the applications as detailed in the Appendix to this minute.

(Reference – list of applications, submitted)

## **7. 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.

## **8. Police Requests for Suspension or Revocation of Taxi Driver and Private Hire Car Driver Licences**

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The Sub-Committee considered requests by Police Scotland to suspend or revoke a Taxi Driver Licence and two Private Hire Car Driver Licences. Police Scotland, the licence holders and agent 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)

## **9. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – to consider miscellaneous applications**

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Details were provided of six applications for miscellaneous licences.

### **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)

## APPENDIX

### Applications for Miscellaneous Licences

Street Trader Licence (New)		
<b>5.2</b>	Rose Street, Edinburgh  Mr Telak Singh	To <b>CONTINUE</b> consideration of the application to the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 1 February 2021 to allow the applicant to attend.
House in Multiple Occupation Licences (New)		
<b>5.3</b>	1 (1F1) Leamington Place, Edinburgh  HSCM Properties Ltd  Agent: Anna Jane Renton, Grant Property Management Solutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To repel the public objections and <b>GRANT</b> the licence subject to the Council's standard conditions for this category of licence.</li> <li>2) To note the undertaking from the applicant's agents that appropriate measures would be undertaken to address the unresolved issues raised by the objector relating to repainting as a result of water ingress, the cracked ceiling and floor deafening and that the outcome would be reported back to committee within six months.</li> </ol>
<b>5.4</b>	6 (1F2) Wolseley Terrace, Edinburgh  Abdul Karim Mohammed Saleh  Agent: Donald Zindoga, Quirky Apartments Ltd	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To <b>AGREE</b> to consider the late objections.</li> <li>2) To repel the public objections and <b>GRANT</b> the licence subject to the Council's standard conditions for this category of licence.</li> <li>3) To note the undertaking from the applicant's agent that appropriate measures would be taken to obtain the necessary building warrant completion certificate within 6 months and that the outcome would be reported back to Committee within that timescale.</li> </ol>