

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Tuesday 8 November 2022

Present

Councillors Mowat (Convener), Caldwell (Items 1 to 7.4), Dixon, Dalgleish (Items 1 to 7.4, 8.2 to 8.5 & 8.7 to 8.14), Fullerton, Mattos Coelho and Neil Ross.

1. Application for Variation of Private Hire Vehicle Licence – Pre-Booked Hire Sticker Exemption

The Convener ruled this item urgent to allow it to be considered at this meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered a request to vary a private hire car licence to exempt the requirement to display “Pre-Booked Hires Only” signage on the front door of the vehicle. The Regulatory Services Manager and the licence holder were heard.

Decision

To **VARY** the private hire car licence PH484 to exempt the requirement for the display of “Pre-booked Hires Only” signage on the front doors of the vehicle for the duration of the licence.

2. Application for Variation of Private Hire Vehicle Licence – Pre-Booked Hire Sticker Exemption

The Convener ruled this item urgent to allow it to be considered at this meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered a request to vary a private hire car licence to exempt the requirement to display “Pre-Booked Hires Only” signage on the front door of the vehicle. The Regulatory Services Manager and the licence holder were heard.

Decision

To **VARY** the private hire car licence PH1809 to exempt the requirement for the display of “Pre-booked Hires Only” signage on the front doors of the vehicle for the duration of the licence.

3. 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.

4. Request for Suspension or Revocation of Taxi Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request by the Executive Director of Place to suspend or revoke a Taxi Driver Licence. The Head of Regulatory Services and Police Scotland 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 Head of Regulatory Services, submitted)

5. Request for Suspension or Revocation of Taxi Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request by the Executive Director of Place to suspend or revoke a Taxi Driver Licence. The Head of Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, the Licence Holder and their representative 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 Head of Regulatory Services, submitted)

6. Police Request for Revocation or Suspension of Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request from Police Scotland to suspend or revoke a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Head of Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, the Licence Holder, his agent and a representative from the Scottish Private Hire Car Association 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 Head of Regulatory Services, submitted)

7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Applications for Miscellaneous Licences

Details were provided of 6 applications for miscellaneous licences. The Head of Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, the licence holders, applicants 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 – 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 licenced vehicles in Edinburgh's Taxi and Private Hire Car fleet at its meeting on 16 March 2018.

14 requests had been received for exemptions to this policy. The licence holders, agents 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.

(Reference – Regulatory Committee 16 March 2018 (item 1); report by the Head of Regulatory Services, submitted)