Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9:30am, Tuesday 15 August 2023

Present

Councillors Mowat (Convener), Caldwell, Dixon, Ross, Walker and Work.

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. Request for Suspension of Private Hire Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request to suspend or revoke a Private Hire 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)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Caldwell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as the licence holder was known to him, left the meeting and took no part in the decision on the matter.

3. Request for Suspension of Taxi Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request 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.



4. Police Request for Suspension of Private Hire Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a request by Police Scotland to suspend or revoke a Private Hire 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. Applications to Grant or Renew Taxi Driver Licences and Private Hire Driver Licences

Details were provided of 4 applications to grant or renew Taxi Driver and Private Hire Driver Licences. The Head of Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, the licence holders, applicants, and agents were heard.

Decision

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

6. 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.

19 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)