

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9:30am, Tuesday 12 December 2023

Present

Councillors Mowat (Convener), Dixon, Graham, Mattos-Coelho (items 1-6), Osler (substituting for Councillor Ross) (items 1-8) 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 items 2-7 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 Refusal of Landlord Registration

The Sub-Committee considered a request to refuse a Landlord Registration. 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)

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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)

4. Police Request for Suspension or Revocation of Private Hire Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a Police request for suspension or revocation of 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. Police Request for Suspension or Revocation of Private Hire Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee considered a Police request for suspension or revocation of a Private Hire Driver Licences. 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)

6. Applications to Grant or Renew Taxi Driver Licences and Private Hire Driver Licences

Details were provided of an application to grant or renew a Taxi Driver or Private Hire Driver Licence. The Head of Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, and applicant were heard.

Decision

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

7. 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.

21 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)

8. Objections to TRO/23/12 – Communal Bin Review Phase 4 (Zones 3, 4, 5A, 6, 7, 8)

Committee was asked to consider the objections received during the formal advertisement of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO/23/12) and to determine whether to proceed to make the order since more than six objections were received.

Decision

- 1) To note that the implementation of this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is fundamental for the delivery of Phase 4 of the Communal Bin Review (CBR) project.
- 2) To set aside the objections that do not relate to TRO matters, as outlined in Appendices 4 and 5.
- 3) To remove from the final order any promoted restrictions advertised as part of this TRO related to changes proposed on Lochrin Terrace, Brougham Street, Upper Gilmore Place, Leven Terrace and Barclay Terrace.
- 4) As having considered the objections and comments received to the advertised TRO/23/12, approves setting aside the remaining objections and the making of the Order as advertised, with two amendments contained within this report and detailed in Appendix 3.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Objections to TRO/23/17, Magdala Crescent

Details were provided of the objections received in response to the Statutory Consultation for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) TRO/23/17, with a recommendation to set aside the objections and make the Order as advertised.

Traffic impacts that arose from the changes would be monitored and proposed mitigations brought forward if the impacts were more significant than predicted.

Decision

- 1) To approve setting aside the 40 objections received to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/23/17 and make the Order as advertised.
- 2) To note the commitment provided within the report by the Executive Director of Place to post-implementation monitoring which should include traffic volumes, traffic composition (i.e. vehicle types) and noise monitoring for Coates Gardens which should continue at regular intervals throughout 2024, this monitoring should be reported back quarterly to the Transport and Environment Committee (via the Business Bulletin).
- 3) To note the commitment given at the Licensing Sub Committee on 12th December 2023 that the continuous footway junctions would be monitored and to commit to also report pedestrian, cyclist and traffic volumes at these junctions to the Transport and Environment Committee along with all incidents on these crossings during the monitoring phase again this can be via the Business Bulletin.

- 4) To recognise that the changes in traffic using the routes through the Crescents over the last 10 years caused by changes in the Network had impacted the Crescents and that the TRO/23/17 responded to a previous TRO, and to commit to arranging a workshop with residents to discuss the results of the monitoring and consider whether further mitigation was needed to address any adverse impacts or to meet the Council's aspirations in the City Mobility Plan. The Crescents comprised: Douglas Crescent, Magdala Crescent, Rosebery Crescent, Coates Gardens, Eglinton Crescent, Lansdowne Crescent, Glencairn Crescent, Grosvenor Crescent and Grosvenor Street.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)