

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 9 September 2009 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Mulheron, D Scott, B Ellis, J Flynn, D Melloy and H Stewart.

In Attendance: Inspector D Hunter and B Kerr, Licensing Officer (both Tayside Police) (up to and including Art. 459); J Eodanable, W Gibson, C Robb, K Campbell and D Merchant (up to and including Art. 459) (all Corporate Services); Y Oliver (Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor J Coburn.

Councillor P Mulheron, Convener, Presiding.

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Committee unanimously agreed to vary the order of business.

### **449. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **450. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of the Licensing Committee of 12 August 2009 (Arts. 385-394) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **451. VARIATION OF PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE – TO170**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/414), together with letter of representation from the applicant, dated 23 July 2009, regarding an application for variation of Private Hire Operator's Licence TO170.

The applicant was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. Mr C Robb, Licensing Officer, also answered Members' questions.

#### **Resolved:**

Application for variation of Private Hire Operator's Licence TO170 be granted with immediate effect.

### **452. GRANT OF TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE – X6**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/413) regarding an application for grant of Taxi Operator's Licence X6.

The applicant was in attendance, addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

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FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RE-CONVENED.

**Resolved:**

Taxi Operator's Licence X6 be refused on the grounds that, after hearing representation from the applicant, the Committee had heard no good grounds for departing from Council policy.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973**

**453. CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE LANDLORD REGISTRATION – 120519/340/23310**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/415) regarding consideration of Private Landlord Registration 120519/340/23310.

**Resolved:**

Private Landlord Registration 120519/340/23310 be deferred to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, being held on 14 October 2009, at the applicant's request, to allow her to obtain legal representation.

**454. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD372**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/417), together with email from a witness, dated 16 July 2009, and letter from British Transport Police, Perth, dated 7 May 2009, regarding suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD372.

The applicant was in attendance, accompanied by Mr P Trodden, his legal representative, both of whom addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

**Resolved:**

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD372 be not suspended.

**455. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD826**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/416), together with letter from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 29 July 2009, regarding suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD826.

The applicant was not in attendance.

**Resolved:**

Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD826 be continued for the duration of the Licence, until 12 December 2009.

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**456. GRANT OF WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE – WC179**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/418), together with letter of objection from the Chief Constable, Tayside Police, dated 13 August 2009, regarding an application for grant of Window Cleaner's Licence WC179.

The applicant was not in attendance.

**Resolved:**

Grant of Window Cleaner's Licence WC179 be deferred to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, being held on 14 October 2009, to allow the applicant to attend in person.

**457. RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD228**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/420) regarding an application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD228.

The applicant was not in attendance.

**Resolved:**

Renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD228 be deferred to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee, being held on 14 October 2009, to allow the Licensee to attend in person.

**458. GRANT OF STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – ST188**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/421) regarding application for grant of Street Trader's Licence ST188.

The Committee was advised that the financial information required to process this application had been received from the Licence Holder. Consequently, this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

**459. GRANT OF SECOND-HAND MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER'S LICENCE – MD47**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/422) regarding an application for grant of Second-Hand Motor Vehicle Dealer's Licence MD47.

The Committee was advised that the financial information required to process this application had been received from the applicant. Consequently, this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

INSPECTOR D HUNTER AND B KERR, LICENSING OFFICER (BOTH TAYSIDE POLICE) AND D MERCHANT, LICENSING OFFICER (CORPORATE SERVICES), LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

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**460. RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE – TO34**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/419) regarding application for renewal of Taxi Operator's Licence TO34.

The Committee was advised that the information required to process this application had been received from the Licence Holder. Consequently, this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

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