PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL SPECIAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 11 FEBRUARY 2014

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of the Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Coburn (Convener), B Ellis (Vice-Convener), R Brock, D Melloy, D Pover and M Roberts.

In Attendance: Mr B Kerr, Licensing Supervisor and Mrs S Michie (both Police Scotland); M McLaren, W Gibson, J Frawley and Y Oliver (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor J Flynn.

Councillor J Coburn (Convener), Presiding.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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.

81. CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – TD1148

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (14/49), together with (i) letter dated 6 January 2014 from Police Scotland requesting immediate suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1148; (ii) letter dated 22 February 2013 from Police Scotland; and (iii) letters dated 11 March 2013, 9 May 2012 and 23 May 2012 from Mr W Gibson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Perth and Kinross Council.

The licence holder was in attendance, accompanied by his agent, Ms P Cullerton. The representative from Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered members' questions as did Mr W Gibson, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Perth and Kinross Council. The licence holder also addressed the Committee and answered members' questions. The applicant tabled a letter of support from his employer.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

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Resolved:

Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1148 be continued with immediate effect for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence, on the grounds that the licence holder is no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of Taxi/Private Hire Care Driver's Licence TD1148.

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