

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE
26 MARCH 2015

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Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors D Melloy, D Pover and M Roberts.

In Attendance: L Gregge, Licensing Supervisor, and B Kerr (both Police Scotland); P Frazer, W Gibson, M McLaren and N Storrer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillors B Ellis, R Brock and J Flynn.

225. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In the absence of the Convener and Vice Convener, Councillor D Pover was unanimously appointed as Convener for the meeting.

Councillor D Pover (Convener), Presiding.

226. WELCOME

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting.

227. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

228. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of Thursday 19 February 2015 (Arts 109 to 115) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

229. LIMIT ON TAXI NUMBERS IN PERTH AND BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (15/139), outlining: (1) the findings and recommendations of a recent survey of demand for taxis in Perth and in Blairgowrie; and (2) proposals that the limit of seventy taxis for Perth and 12 taxis for Blairgowrie should remain unchanged.

Members heard a presentation on Perth and Blairgowrie – Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey by I McDonald, Vector Transport Consultancy

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the survey carried out by Vector Transport Consultancy be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that the current limits of 70 operator licences for Perth and 12 operator licences for Blairgowrie, granted by the Council, remain unchanged.

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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.

230. APPLICATION FOR A TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE X21 – I YEAR

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (15/140) regarding consideration of Application for a Taxi Operator Licence X21.

The applicant was in attendance, accompanied by her representative Mr P Trodden. Mr Trodden addressed the Committee and answered Member's questions.

AFTER A SHORT ADJOURNMENT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED

Resolved:

Taxi operator licence X21 be granted for one year on the grounds that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

231. RENEWAL OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – 1 YEAR – TD727

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (15/141), together with a letter of information dated 9 January 2015 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD727.

The licence holder was in attendance. The representative from Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered member's questions. The licence holder also addressed the Committee and answered member's questions.

Resolved:

Renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Driver's Licence TD727 be granted for one year on the grounds that the licence holder is a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

232. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – 3 YEARS – TD1296

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Service (15/142), together with letters of representation dated 6 February 2015 and 3 May 2013 from Police Scotland, regarding consideration of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1296.

The applicant was in attendance. The representative from Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1296 be granted for one year on the grounds that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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**233. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – 1 YEAR -
TD1004**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Service (15/143), together with: (1) a letter of objection dated 27 February 2015 from Police Scotland; (2) copy letter from Pete Chan, China China Perth Ltd dated 10 August 2014; (3) copy e-mail from Derek Petterson dated 25 August 2014; (4) copy letter from Sandy Smith, Perth Radio Taxis Ltd dated 25 August 2014; (5) copy letter from Lachy McFarlane, A & B Taxis dated 1 November 2014; and (6) copy letter from Ward & Co dated 12 December 2015, regarding consideration of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1004.

The applicant was in attendance accompanied by his employer, L McFarlane, A & B Taxis. The representative from Police Scotland addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions. The applicant also addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

AFTER A SHORT ADJOURNMENT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED

Resolved:

Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1004 be refused on the grounds that the applicant is a not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

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