PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE 18 FEBRUARY 2016

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors B Ellis, R Brock, J Flynn, D Melloy and A Parrott.

In Attendance: S Scanlon (Police Scotland); S Douglas, M McLaren and Y Oliver (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors D Pover and M Roberts.

Councillor B Ellis (Convener), Presiding.

108. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed those present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

110. MINUTES

- (i) The Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 7 January 2016 (Arts. 1-7) was submitted and approved as a correct record.
- (ii) The Minute of Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee of 25 January 2016 (Arts. 35-38) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

111. REVIEW OF CIVIC LICENCE FEES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (16/63), seeking approval for an increase in fees, as shown in Appendix 1 to Report 16/63, for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 16/63 be noted;
- The increase in fees for licences issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/63, be approved, with effect from 1 April 2016;
- (iii) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to conduct an annual review of fees in accordance with the Corporate Charging Policy;
- (iv) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to review the number of Perth and Kinross Council Taxi/Private Hire Car licences held by wheelchair accessible vehicles and fully electric/ultra-low hybrid emission vehicles after 2 years from the date of the Licensing Committee (18 February 2016) to determine whether further action is required to increase the numbers of these types of vehicles.

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112. GRANT OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – PE300

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (16/64),together with (i) copy of the applicant's Operational Plan; (ii) copy of Perth and Kinross Council's standard conditions for Public Entertainment Licences; and (iii) Memorandum dated 24 December 2015 from The Environment Service, Perth and Kinross Council regarding Grant of Public Entertainment Licence PE300.

Mr L Storey, on behalf of the applicants, was in attendance, addressed the Committee, and answered Members' questions.

Resolved:

Public Entertainment Licence PE300 be granted for a period of three years, with effect from 18 February 2016, subject to Perth and Kinross Council's standard conditions for Public Entertainment Licences and the conditions requested by The Environment Service as detailed in their Memorandum dated 24 December 2015.

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.

113. GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE - TD1514

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (16/65), together with a letter of representation dated 21 January 2016 from Police Scotland regarding Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1514.

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.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

Resolved:

Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence TD1514 be granted for a period of one year, with effect from 18 February 2016, subject to the usual terms and conditions of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's licence but subject also to the following conditions:

- (i) The Head of Legal Services be instructed to request Mr A Aitken, AA Chauffeur Drive, Auchterarder to provide written confirmation of his intention to employ the applicant as a Private Hire Vehicle driver.
- (ii) The applicant must remain in Mr A Aitken's employment for a minimum of one year, with effect from the date of issue of his Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence;
- (iii) It be noted that the applicant is only entitled to engage in business as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver and <u>not</u> as a Taxi Driver.

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