

THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 3 ON THE AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Kilncraigs, Alloa on TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025 at 9.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Darren Lee (Chair)
Councillor Kenneth Earle (Teams)
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Jane McTaggart

IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) Lezli-Anne Sharp, Licensing Paralegal Administrator Shaun Carrol, Licensing Paralegal Dale Bell, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Depute Clerk to the Committee) Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Minutes)

RC(25)01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Martha Benny and Councillor Kathleen Martin.

RC(25)02 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Harrison declared a non-financial interest in Item 5, Application for Grant of Taxi Driver Licence.

RC(25)03 MINUTES OF REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraphs 3 and 6.

RC(25)04 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence from Mr Allan Hunter. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO). No representation had been received from Police Scotland.

Attending

Mr Allan Hunter (Applicant)

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to both.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (9.44am). The Committee resumed at 9.47am with 5 members present.

Motion

Having considered all of the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee grants the renewal application for a Taxi Drivers Licence.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed unanimously to approve the renewal application for Taxi Drivers Licence.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

Having declared a non-financial interest in Item 5, Application for Grant of Taxi Driver Licence, Councillor Harrison advised that as he knew the applicant, he would not participate in that Item of business and withdrew from the Chambers at that point in the proceedings (9.52 hours).

RC(25)05 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for a grant a Taxi Driver Licence from Mr Andrew Martin. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO). No representation had been received from Police Scotland.

Attending

Mr Andrew Martin (Applicant)

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to both.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (10.00am). The Committee resumed at 10.14am with 4 members present.

Motion

Having considered all of the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee grants the application for a Taxi Drivers Licence; with an additional condition that Mr Martin attends a meeting with the Licensing Team to review the Terms and Conditions of his licence and sign them to confirm that they have been read and understood.

Moved by Councillor Jane McTaggart. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed unanimously to grant the application for Taxi Drivers Licence; with an additional condition that Mr Martin attends a meeting with the Licensing Team to review the Terms and Conditions of his licence and sign them to confirm that they have been read and understood.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

Councillor Harrison returned to Chambers at 10.18 am for the remaining items of business.

RC(25)06 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Operator Licence from Mr Greg Wardlaw. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO). No representation had been received from Police Scotland.

Attending

Mr Kieren Ure (Applicants Representative)
Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)

The applicant was unable to attend Committee due to illness. Mr Kieren Ure attended in his absence.

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to both.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (10.29am). The Committee resumed at 10.34am with 5 members present.

Motion

Having considered all of the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee grants the application for a Private Hire Operator Licence.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Scott Harrison.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed unanimously to approve the renewal application for Private Hire Operator Licence.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

Ends 10.37 am