

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 30 APRIL, 2015

- Present:** Councillors E Chapman, A Evison, A Hendry, S W Pratt and C Shand.
- Apologies:** Councillors R Cowling, F C P Hood and I S Tait.
- Officers:** Senior Solicitors (Martin Ingram and Sandy Munro) and Principal Committee Officer (Alastair Nicol).
- In attendance:** Sergeant Gavin Jardine, Police Scotland.

CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, the Sub-Committee unanimously **agreed** that Councillor Pratt take the chair for this meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared by any member of the Sub-Committee, in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In taking decisions on the undernoted item of business, the Sub-Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and
- (2) to consider, where an equality impact assessment has been provided, its contents and to take those into consideration when reaching a decision.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (CASE NO. 771)

There had been circulated a report dated 27 April, 2015, by the Director of Business Services, which (1) requested that consideration be given to a written representation by the Chief Constable against the holder of a taxi driver's licence and (2) detailed other information relevant to the request.

Having heard from the representative of the Chief Constable, Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Hendry, moved that the allegations were justified.

As an amendment, Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Shand, moved that the allegations were not justified.

The members of the Sub-Committee voted:-

for the motion (3) Councillors Chapman, Evison and Hendry.

for the amendment (2) Councillors Pratt and Shand.

The **motion was carried** and the Sub-Committee **agreed** that the allegations were justified.

The Sub-Committee accordingly **agreed**:-

- (1) to immediately suspend the taxi driver's licence in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Act; and
- (2) that a suspension hearing in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act would be fixed for the next meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 5 June, 2015.