

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 4 JULY, 2016

Present: Councillors R Cowling (Chair), A Hendry, F C P Hood, S W Pratt and W A C Shand.

Apologies: Councillors E H Chapman, A Evison and I S Tait.

Officers: Senior Solicitor (Sandy Munro) and Principal Committee Officer (Alastair Nicol).

In attendance: Sergeant Gavin Jardine, Police Scotland.

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. RESOLUTIONS

A. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Council **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.
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision.

B. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Sub-Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (CASE NO. 846)

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 3 June, 2016 (Item 6), there had been circulated a report dated 27 June, 2016, 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 applicant (accompanied by his translator) and the representative of the Chief Constable, the Sub-Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) unanimously, that the licence holder remained a fit and proper person to be the holder of a taxi driver's licence,
- (2) unanimously, that the actions of the licence holder had not caused, were not causing, and would not cause public nuisance or a threat to public order or safety, and
- (3) unanimously, that the licence holder had not breached a condition of the licence.