

MEETING OF TEMPORARY LICENSING COMMITTEE

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 18 MAY 2017

Present: Councillors FCP Hood (Chair); C Buchan, Hassan, Mair, Robertson, Roy, Stirling, and Wilson.

Officers: Senior Solicitors (P Robertson and F Stewart), and Committee Officer (J McRobbie).

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

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

2. RESOLUTIONS

(A) PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In taking decisions on the undernoted items of business, the 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;
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching a decision.

(B) EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Committee **agreed**, in terms of Sections 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for Items 4 of the business on account of the likely 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 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (CASE NO. 844)

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 21 April, 2017, item 6, there had been circulated a report dated 11 May, 2017, by the Director of Business Services, which (1) requested that consideration be given to a complaint, submitted by the Chief Constable, seeking the immediate suspension of a taxi driver's licence, and (2) detailed information relevant to the application.

Having considered the terms of the complaint, the Committee unanimously **agreed** :-

- (1) That, on the evidence submitted, the allegations contained within the complaint were justified:
- (2) That, on the basis of the evidence submitted, the activity would be likely to cause a serious threat to public order or public safety; and
- (3) That, in terms of Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, the taxi driver's licence therefore be immediately suspended, and a hearing, in terms of Paragraph 11 of the Act, be held on Friday, 16 June, 2017, meeting at Gordon House, Inverurie.

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