REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of 25 May 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in

County Hall: Councillors Kenneth Bell (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark and Martin Kilbride.

Present Remotely: Councillors Mark Dixon and Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Brian Connolly, Mary Kilpatrick and Duncan Townson.

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); M. Wright, Fleet Inspector;

C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer; and C. McCallum, Clerical

Assistant.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Co-ordinator - Licensing called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 27 April 2023 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Taxi Drivers.

(i) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant, Joshua Gibreal in response in relation to his application.

<u>Decided</u>: to approve this application for three years, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(ii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the licence holder, Alan MacDougall, in relation to his application for an exemption under section 166 of the Equality Act 2010

<u>Decided</u>: to approve the application for an exemption under section 166 of the

Equality Act 2010 and grant this exemption for the duration of Mr MacDougall's current licence and the duration of any future licences held by Mr MacDougall.

(b) Taxi Vehicle.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 27 April 2023 (Page 3, paragraph 5(b)(iii)) when the Panel had decided, in the absence of the applicant, to continue consideration of this matter to this Panel meeting to allow the applicant to attend. The Panel now heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and the Fleet Manager when considering the proposed suspension or variation of the licence currently held by Balkar Singh (Licence Number 22/00541/HCVL, Registration Number SF16 FJJ, Plate Number 96).

<u>Decided</u>: not to suspend or vary the licence and to take no further action at this time.

4. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the following item, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

Private Hire Vehicle

Reference was made to the Minutes of 27 April 2023 (Page 3, paragraph 5(c)(i)) when the Panel had decided, in the absence of the applicant, to continue consideration of this matter to this Panel meeting to allow the applicant to attend; and the Panel now heard from the Coordinator (Licensing) and the Fleet Manager when considering the proposed suspension or variation of the licences currently held by Mariusz Czaporowski (Licence Number 23/00092/PHVL, Registration Number DV17 NEO, Plate Number 33; Licence Number 22/00108/PHVL, Registration Number SF70 UHO, Plate Number 34; and Licence Number 23/00092/PHVL, Registration Number VU68 CCN, Plate Number 36).

Decided: not to suspend or vary the licences and to take no further action at this time.

The meeting ended at 11:14 a.m.