

# THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 3 ON THE AGENDA

# MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Kilncraigs, Alloa on TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 9.30 AM

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Darren Lee (Chair)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Kathleen Martin (Teams)
Councillor Jane McTaggart

## IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
Lezli-Anne Sharp, Licensing Paralegal Administrator
Shaun Carrol, Licensing Paralegal
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager - Legal and Governance (Clerk to the Committee)
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Minutes)

## RC(24)22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Fairlie and Councillor Wendy Hamilton

## RC(24)23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

## RC(24)24 MINUTES OF REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 were submitted for approval.

#### **Decision**

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 13 August 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(24)25 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence from Mr John McDonald. Representations on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and Police Scotland. Police Scotland also had an amended representation which was included in the agenda.

## **Attending**

Mr John McDonald (Applicant)
Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
Sergeant David Bellingham, Police Scotland

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), Police Scotland; and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to all.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (9.56am). The Committee resumed at 10.32am with 6 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 to attend a Taxi Proficiency Course by the Blue Lamp Trust. The course should be booked within 3 months of this Committee and to complete the course within 6 months of this Committee. The Applicant is to provide evidence to the Civic Licensing Standards Officer once the course has been completed.

Moved by Councillor Scott Harrison. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

### Action

Clerk to the Committee

## RC(24)26 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Authority had received an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence from Mr Robert Stevenson. Representations on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and Police Scotland.

#### **Attending**

Mr Robert Stevenson (Applicant) Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) Sergeant David Bellingham, Police Scotland

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), Police Scotland; and the applicant; and had the opportunity to put questions to all.

Following questions, the Chair adjourned the meeting to consider the application (10.53am). The Committee resumed at 11.07am with 6 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 to attend a Taxi Proficiency Course by the Blue Lamp Trust. The course should be booked within 3 months of this Committee and to complete the course within 6 months of this Committee. The Applicant is to provide evidence to the Civic Licensing Standards Officer once the course has been completed.

Moved by Councillor Scott Harrison. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

## Action

Clerk to the Committee

Ends 11.12 am