

PART A

Hearings

1. TDL/01789 (New) Alan Thom

The Committee, at its meeting on 3 October 2012, was advised of a pending Court case in respect of the applicant and agreed to continue consideration of the application to a future Special Meeting of the Committee to be held prior to 10 November 2012.

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was not present. Representatives from Strathclyde Police were in attendance.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. The representatives from Strathclyde Police then addressed the Committee on the terms of a letter dated 31 May 2012 setting out the observations of the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police in relation to the application.

The representatives of Strathclyde Police then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to refuse the application in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the grounds set out in Paragraph 5(3)(a)(ii) of the Schedule, that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi Driver's Licence.

2. TDL/01384 (New) Andrew Gillespie

Mr Gillespie's taxi driver's licence expired on 30 April 2012. He has applied for a new taxi driver's licence. A complaint has been received from a member of the public in respect of the applicant.

The applicant having been duly cited to attend was in attendance. Representatives from Strathclyde Police were also in attendance.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. The applicant then addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions. The representatives from Strathclyde Police then addressed the Committee on the terms of letters dated 18 December 2007, 27 September and 16 October 2012 setting out the observations of the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police in relation to the application. Thereafter the applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

All parties then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

After discussion, Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor Clarkson moved that the application be granted.

As an amendment, Councillor Barr, seconded by Councillor Maguire, moved that the application be refused.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 3 and for the motion 3, with two abstentions. On the casting vote of the Chair, the amendment was declared carried

Decision

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to refuse the application in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the grounds set out in Paragraph 5(3)(a)(ii) of the Schedule, that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Taxi Driver's Licence.