

Licensing Sub Committee of Corporate Services Committee
12 March 2007

Irvine, 12 March 2007 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee of Corporate Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

David Munn, John Moffat, Jane Gorman, Alan Munro, Robert Rae and Donald Reid.

In Attendance

N. Alexander, Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) and A Toal, Clerical Officer (Legal and Protective); and P. Shiach, Corporate Support Officer (Chief Executive's).

Chair

Councillor Munn in the Chair.

1. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Taxi Fare Review

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective) on initial steps in the consultation procedure for the Taxi Fare Review for 2007.

The Chief Legal Officer (Licensing and District Court) advised the Sub Committee of amendments to Table B relative to comparative night time rates, and indicated that the overall cost per mile in North Ayrshire was £2.80, and not £3.30 as originally indicated, and along with East Renfrewshire Council, represented the lowest rate throughout the neighbouring authorities

The Sub Committee agreed to (a) the commencement of the consultation procedure; (b) approve the draft timetable for the review process attached as Appendix 1 to the report and; (c) arrange that a meeting with the taxi operators be held during the week 2 - 6 April 2007 to consider their proposals as part of the review process.

2. Exclusion of Public

If so resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraphs 6, 13 and 14 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Licensing Matters

Submitted report by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Protective) on (a) applications for the grant or renewal of licences; and (b) issues arising in respect of existing licences.

The Sub Committee agreed to dispose of these matters as indicated in the attached Appendix LS1.

4. Urgent Item

The Chief Legal Officer, (Licensing and District Court) advised the Sub Committee of correspondence from Strathclyde Police dated 12 March 2007, providing information relative to Mr Henry Ronald Sommerfield, currently licensed as a Taxi Driver and Operator.

In light of the information provided, the Sub Committee agreed that in terms of Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Mr Sommerfield's Drivers Licence be suspended with immediate effect, and that he be notified that a hearing be held in early course to consider the suspension of all Licences held by Mr Sommerfield

The meeting ended at 2:35 p.m.

PART A

Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences/Permits

1. TDL/1327 (New) Craig William McCready

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application subject to conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (b) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

2. TDL/1328 (New) Robert Bingham

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application subject to conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (b) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

3. TDL/1330 (New) Margaret Cunningham

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application for a period of 1 year subject to conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (b) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

4. TDL/1331 (New) Kevin Thomas Flaherty

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application for a period of 1 year subject to conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (b) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

5. SHDL/008 (New - late application) Andrew Crawford

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a hearing in terms of Paragraph 4 (2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

PART B

Issues in respect of Existing Licences

Taxi Driver's Licence

1. TDL/146 Andrew McIlroy

The Sub Committee unanimously agreed, on the basis of the information before it, to proceed to a suspension hearing in terms of Paragraph 11 (7) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.