

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CIVIC GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTE of Meeting of the CIVIC
GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE
held in COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 AND 3,
COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN
ST BOSWELLS on Friday, 19 August 2016
at 10.30 a.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), J. Campbell, J. Greenwell, B. Herd, G. Logan, D. Paterson, T. Weatherston, B. White.
Apologies:- Councillors R. Stewart, J. Torrance.
In Attendance:- Managing Solicitor – Property and Licensing, Licensing Services Team Leader, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers (Mr I. Tunnah and Mr M. Wynne), Democratic Services Officer (F Henderson), Inspector M. Bennett, P.C C. Lackenby, - Police Scotland.

1. **MINUTE**
The Minute of the Meeting of 22 July 2016 had been circulated.

DECISION
APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

2. **LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**
There had been circulated copies of lists detailing the Civic Government and Miscellaneous Licences issued under delegated powers between 13 July 2016 – 10 August 2016.

DECISION
NOTED.

URGENT BUSINESS

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraph should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision.

3. Mr Kirk highlighted to the Committee that there was a need to consider the drawing up of a policy regarding the standard of medical required in assessing the fitness of Taxi Driver and Private Hire Licence Holders to drive. Following discussion it was agreed that a short term Working Group be established to draw up a Scottish Borders Policy on the criteria for assessing the medical fitness of Taxi Driver and Private Hire Licence Holders to drive.

DECISION
AGREED:-

- (a) **that a short term Working Group be established consisting of Councillors W. Archibald, J. Greenwell, D. Paterson, Managing Solicitor – Property and Licensing, Licensing Services Team Leader and the Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers; and**
- (b) **that the Working Group consider a policy for assessing medical fitness of Taxi/Private Hire Drivers.**

4. **PRIVATE BUSINESS
DECISION**

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE – JOHN SMITH

1. The Committee considered an application from John Smith for the renewal of a Taxi Driver Licence and agreed that the application be granted.

2. **CONTINUATION OF HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANT OF ITINERANT METAL DEALER LICENCE – BRIAN HUNTER**

The Committee considered an application from Brian Hunter for the grant of an Itinerant Metal Dealer Licence and agreed that the application be refused.

3. **HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANT OF ITINERANT METAL DEALER LICENCE – NICOLA BROWN**

The Committee considered an application from Nicola Brown for the grant of Itinerant Metal Dealer Licence and agreed that the application be refused.

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4. The Private section of the Minute of 22 July 2016 was approved.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.