

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CIVIC GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTE of Meeting of the CIVIC  
GOVERNMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE  
held in Committee Rooms 2 and 3 on Friday,  
19 July 2019 at 10.45 a.m.

- Present:- Councillors J. Greenwell (Chairman), J. Brown, D. Paterson, N. Richards,  
S. Scott and G. Turnbull.
- Apologies:- Councillors R. Tatler, E. Thornton-Nicol and T. Weatherston.
- In Attendance:- Managing Solicitor – Property and Licensing, Licensing Team Leader,  
Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers (Mr I. Tunnah and Mr M.  
Wynne), Democratic Services Officer (F. Walling), Chief Inspector S. Reid  
and PC T. Ray - Police Scotland.

## 1.0 **MINUTE**

The Minute of the Meeting of 21 June 2019 had been circulated.

### **DECISION**

**APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.**

## 2.0 **LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

There had been circulated copies of the Civic Government and Miscellaneous Licences issued under delegated powers for the period 12 June – 8 July 2019.

### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

## 3.0 **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 14 of part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.**

## **SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

## 4.0 **LICENSING OF TAXI, PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS**

### **Continuation of hearing to consider grant of Taxi Driver Licence**

There had been circulated copies of an application, accompanied by three letters of support, for the grant of a Taxi Driver Licence together a letter of objection, dated 25 March 2019, from Police Scotland. Although cited to attend, the applicant was not present. As this was the second occasion that a hearing had been arranged and which the applicant had failed to attend the Committee agreed not to consider the application on the assumption that this had been withdrawn.

## 5.0 **Hearing to consider request for revocation of Taxi Driver Licence**

There had been circulated copies of a letter from Police Scotland, dated 12 June 2019, requesting the revocation of a Taxi Driver Licence in terms of paragraph 11(2)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. Also circulated were three character references for the Taxi Driver concerned. The applicant was present at the meeting and represented by his legal agent. After hearing both parties and requiring further information, the Committee agreed that consideration of the request for revocation be continued to a future meeting.

6.0 **Hearing to consider request for suspension of Taxi Driver Licence**

There had been circulated copies of a letter from Police Scotland, dated 3 July 2019, requesting the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver Licence in terms of paragraphs 12 and 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. The Applicant was present. After hearing from both parties, the Committee agreed that the Licence be suspended.

7.0 **Minute**

The Private section of the Minute of 21 June 2019 was approved.

*The meeting concluded at 11.40 am*