

MORAY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ELGIN

PRESENT

Councillors Taylor (Chair), Cowie, Divers and Macrae.

APOLOGIES

As a result of the Covid-19 virus pandemic, the attendance of Councillors at this meetings was restricted and therefore apologies from those members not present are not being recorded.

IN ATTENDANCE

PC Ray Walker (Police Scotland) Sean Hoath, Senior Solicitor, Sana Sarwar, Solicitor and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer (Moray Council).

1. DECLARATION OF GROUP DECISIONS AND MEMBER'S INTERESTS

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from Group Leaders or Spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

2. MINUTE OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE DATED 22 JANUARY 2020

The minute of the meeting of the Licensing Committee dated 22 January 2020 was submitted and approved.

3. Application for a Taxi Driver Licence – TD2020-002

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) asked the Committee to consider an application for a taxi driver licence received on 13 December 2019 subject to an adverse representation received from a consultee.

The Committee noted that the applicant was in attendance. The Chief Superintendent was represented by PC Ray Walker, Police Scotland.

PC Walker addressed the Committee and responded to questions raised by the Committee.

The Applicant addressed the Committee and responded to questions raised by the Committee.

Both PC Walker and the applicant declined to sum up as they had no other further to add to their earlier statements and confirmed that they had received a fair hearing from the Committee.

Councillor Cowie moved to grant the licence in respect of Case No. TD-20-002 as he was satisfied that on the balance of evidence the applicant was a fit and proper person, this was seconded by Councillor Macrae.

As there was no-one otherwise minded, the Committee agreed to grant the taxi driver licence in respect of Case No TD-20-002.

4. Question Time ***

The Committee noted that no further questions were raised.