

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Committee

Wednesday, 09 June 2021

remote locations via video conference,

PRESENT

Councillor George Alexander, Councillor James Allan, Councillor David Bremner, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Gordon Cowie, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Marc Macrae, Councillor Maria McLean, Councillor Louise Nicol, Councillor Amy Taylor

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ray McLean, Councillor Derek Ross

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Sergeant Gill Flett, Police Scotland, Mr Iain Maltman, Solicitor for the Licence Holder, Sean Hoath, Senior Solicitor, Sana Sarwar, Solicitor and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer.

1. Chair

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Gordon Cowie.

2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members 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.

3. Resolution

The meeting resolved in terms of Section 50A (4) AND (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this minute as specified below, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 Schedule 7a of the Act.

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9 Information, which if disclosed to the public, would reveal that the Authority proposes, for the purpose of consultation, make an order or direction under any enactment which might allow an individual or organisation to defeat the purpose of the notice or order.

4. Minute of Meeting dated 17 February 2021

The minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee on 17 February 2021 was submitted and approved.

5. Minute of Meeting of 20 May 2021

The minute of the Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee on 20 May 2021 was submitted and approved.

6. Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

7. Question Time ***

The Committee noted that no questions had been asked.

8. TD-21-002

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence received on 19 March 2021 subject to an adverse representation received from a consultee.

Mr Maltman, representative of the applicant sought agreement from the Committee to delay the decision on the renewal application until after the 29 June 2021 to allow the scheduled court case to take place.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to defer the decision on the renewal until the outcome of the court case scheduled to be heard on 29 June 2021 was known.

9. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Mandatory Review of Taxi Fares and Charges

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) asked the Committee to consider the outcome of the recent taxi fare consultation and either resolve to keep taxi fares the same or formulate a set of alternative proposals for the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i) note the views expressed in the various responses to the consultation process;
- ii) approve a fare structure for implementation on 29 June 2021 which would be the existing fare structure; and
- iii) instruct the Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance to publish the fare structure and issue a new fare card to all operators.