

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE** held remotely on Thursday 12 August 2021 at 12.04pm.

Present: Councillors CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, RICHARD MOORE, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN BEM, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor FOTHERINGHAM, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

The Convener intimated that a deputation request from a Mr Innes in relation to Taxi and Private Hire Licence fees, had been withdrawn as Mr Innes was awaiting further information from Council officers.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Moore declared an interest in Item 6 (Report No 228/21) as a representation had been made to him regarding an issue with fees however, he had not expressed any opinion on the matter. He indicated that he would take part in any discussions and voting on the item.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 May 2021 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

5. DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted Report No 227/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services detailing applications for licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous Acts which had been granted/renewed by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to Standing Orders.

The Committee agreed to note the applications detailed in the Appendix to the Report, granted/renewed under delegated powers during the period 29 April 2021 to 2 July 2021.

6. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 May 2021, there was submitted Report No 228/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services which presented to the Committee financial information for the period 2019/20 and 2020/21 in relation to the income and expenditure in respect of taxis and private hire driver and operator licences and asked members to determine the fees to be applied to taxi and private hire driver and operator licences with effect from 1 September 2021.

The Committee noted the income and expenditure in respect of the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 in respect of taxi and private hire driver and operator licences as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) to note the legal obligations incumbent upon the Council in relation to fees in respect of taxi and private hire driver and operator licences;
- (ii) to note the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the lockdown on the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of taxi and private hire driver and operator licences as contained in Appendix 1 to the report;

- (iii) to make no change to the fees to be charged in respect of taxi and private hire operator and driver licences in respect of the year from 1 September 2021;
- (iv) to note that the fees in respect of taxi and private hire licences would be reviewed following the end of financial year 2021/22 with a view to setting fees to be applied with effect from 1 September 2022; and
- (v) that a member officer working group be established and that a Report on this matter be submitted to this Committee on 16 September 2021 detailing the remit of the group and seeking membership.