

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE** held remotely on Thursday 16 September 2021 at 13.22pm.

Present: Councillors RICHARD MOORE, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID LUMGAIR, GAVIN NICOL and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor MOORE, Vice Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Boyd, Fotheringham and King.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 August 2021 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted Report No 290/21 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 2 July 2021 to 25 August 2021.

5. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES – MEMBER OFFICER WORKING GROUP

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 12 August 2021, there was submitted Report No 291/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services asking the Committee to consider establishing a Member Officer Working Group to review the licensing system and including the fees charged for taxi and private hire driver and operator licences.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) to establish a Member Officer Working Group to review the system of licensing taxi and private hire driver and operator licences to be known as the Taxi and Private Hire Member Officer Working Group;
- (ii) that the remit of the Taxi and Private Hire Member Officer Working Group was to: -
 - (a) engage with the trade to discuss and consider concerns arising;
 - (b) assess the current processes, procedures and systems in place and including the fees charged for taxi and private hire driver and operator licences;
 - (c) identify improvements and efficiencies which would assist both the Council and the trade; and
 - (d) provide transparency in respect of the fees charged by the Council in respect of taxi and private hire driver and operator licences.
- (iii) that four members of this Committee would participate in the work of the Group; and
- (iv) that the membership of the Group be reported to the next meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved, in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 3 and 6.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS

There was submitted Report No 292/21 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services regarding applications received for new licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which required to be determined by the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Street Trader's Licence (fixed pitch) (ST15)

The Committee considered information received from the Environmental and Consumer Protection Service dated 16 August 2021, in relation to an application for a Street Traders Licence (fixed pitch) (ST15) received on 29 July 2021.

The applicant was not present.

Mr Easson, Service Leader, Environmental and Consumer Protection updated members on the inspection required.

The Committee agreed that the application be deferred to the meeting of this Committee on 25 November 2021 to allow the necessary inspection of the applicant's trailer to be made.

(b) Street Trader's Licence (Fixed Pitch) (ST16)

The Committee considered information received from the Environmental and Consumer Protection Service dated 16 August 2021, in relation to an application for a Street Traders Licence (fixed pitch) (ST16) received on 21 July 2021.

The applicant was not present.

Mr Easson, Service Leader, Environmental and Consumer Protection updated members on the inspection required.

The Committee agreed that the application be deferred to the meeting of this Committee on 25 November 2021 to allow the necessary inspection of the applicant's trailer to be made.