

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 2 August 2017 at 2.05 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Jim Brown, Jim Finn, Ian Dickson, Jonathan McColl, Marie McNair; John Mooney and Brian Walker.

**Attending:** Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing); Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

**Also Attending:** Sergeant Angela Walker, Police Scotland.

**Apology:** An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill.

**Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

### **CONTINUED APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE**

#### **Name and Address of Applicant**

#### **Date Applied**

Garry Cosgrove  
Flat 2/2, 17 Burns Street  
Clydebank  
G81 4BW

5 February 2017

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory concerning an application for Renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence by the above named person.

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing), it was noted:-

- (a) that a letter had been received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority advising that the Chief Constable had an objection to make in relation to the application;
- (b) that at the meeting on 14 June 2017, it was agreed that the applicant had advised in advance that he would not be present. It was agreed that consideration of the application would be continued to a Special Meeting in order that the applicant may be given a further opportunity to appear before the Committee;
- (c) that in view of the objection which had been received from the Police authority, the applicant and a representative of the Police authority had been invited to attend the special meeting in order that a hearing may take place;
- (d) that neither the applicant nor his solicitor were in attendance at the meeting;
- (e) that a representative of the Police authority, Sergeant Walker, was in attendance at the meeting;
- (f) that copies of the letter from the Police authority dated 15 February 2017, containing the objection, had been issued to Members of the Committee in advance of the meeting; and
- (g) that there was a part heard criminal trial due to an outstanding criminal matter and the case had been adjourned until 14 September 2017.

The Committee heard Sergeant Walker in relation to the objection and thereafter both Sergeant Walker and the Section Head (Licensing) were also heard in response to Members' questions.

**DECIDED:-**

After consideration, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant did not attend the meeting to state his case on why the Application for Renewal of the Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence should be granted; and
- (2) to determine that the applicant was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence due to the reasons stated in the letter of objection from Police Scotland.

The meeting closed at 2.13 p.m.