

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2011 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Hugh Ross, Rose-Ann Cuninghame, John MacKay, Robert Keohone, John Campbell, Gordon Cree, Jim Roberts and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Stuart McCall, Legal and Procurement Services Manager; Richard Tickner, Enforcement Officer, Civic Government Licensing; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Neil McGhee, Barney Menzies and Kathy Morrice.

CHAIR: Councillor Hugh Ross, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Panel resolved "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 137 - COLIN COX

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 2011 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which invited the Panel to consider, by way of a Hearing, the suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 137.

It was confirmed that representatives from Strathclyde Police were in attendance and that Colin Cox, the applicant was not present or represented.

2.1 Hearing

The Panel heard Inspector Ireland, representing Strathclyde Police in explanation of the Police request to consider suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence who updated the Panel and spoke to all matters raised, all in accordance with the agreed hearing procedure.

The Police representatives then left the meeting to enable the Panel to take and consider legal advice on the matter.

The Police representatives were then re-admitted.

2.2 Decision

The Panel having taken all matters into consideration, agreed to suspend the Taxi Driver's Licence EA/TD 137 with immediate effect, for the unexpired portion of the licence, on the grounds that carrying on of the activity to which the licence related would cause or would be likely to cause a serious threat to public order and public safety.

The meeting terminated at 1010 hours.