

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL0

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2008 AT 1030 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Hugh Ross, John MacKay, Robert Keohone, John Campbell, Gordon Cree, Neil McGhee and Barney Menzies.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; George Scott, Licensing Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Rose-Ann Cuninghame, Jim Buchanan, Jim Roberts and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Hugh Ross, Chair.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE

1. There was submitted a report dated 17 June 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the Panel to consider an application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence.

The Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services advised the Panel that following discussions with Strathclyde Police, the applicant had amended the application and now wished to trade between the hours of 2300 hours and 0200 hours, each day.

Chief Inspector Lawrence, Strathclyde Police, confirmed that Strathclyde Police had no objection to the amended application.

It was agreed that the application for the grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence be granted allowing the applicant to trade between the hours of 2300 hours and 0200 hours, each day.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. 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 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 June 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which invited the Panel to consider, by way of a Hearing, an application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence.

The Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services outlined the agreed Hearing Procedure.

3.1 Hearing

The Panel heard Chief Inspector Lawrence, representing Strathclyde Police, in explanation of the Police representations and the applicant, who spoke to all matters raised, all in accordance with the agreed Hearing Procedure.

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

The parties were then re-admitted.

3.2 Decision

It was agreed that the application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted for a period of twelve months subject to the standard conditions.

RETIREMENT OF LICENSING OFFICER

4. David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services informed the Panel that George Scott, Licensing Officer, was retiring in early August and thanked him for his sterling efforts over the years.

The Chair on behalf of the Panel, wished him a long and happy retirement.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.