

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2004 AT 1408 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, John Weir, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, and James Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Paul Todd, Principal Officer, Environmental Health and Waste Management; Alison Smith, Principal Officer Licensing & Community Safety; George Scott, Licensing Officer; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors James Raymond, Daniel Coffey and Elaine Stewart.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Raymond, Councillor Carmichael was appointed 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 during the Hearing relating to 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 A RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – SCOTT
WEBSTER**

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2004 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services inviting the Panel to consider, by way of a Hearing, an application for the renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence.

The Head of Administrative and Legal Services outlined the agreed hearing procedure.

2.1 Hearing

The Panel heard Chief Inspector Scally, representing Strathclyde Police, in explanation of the Police observations, Yvonne Webster in respect of her objections, and Mr G Anderson representative for the applicant who spoke to the matters raised, in accordance with the agreed hearing procedures.

The applicant, his representative, the Police representative and the objector then left the meeting to enable the Panel to take and consider legal advice on the matter.

The parties were then re-admitted.

2.2 Decision

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

The applicant was further advised that any new offences brought to the attention of the Panel in the future would be likely to be severely dealt with.

The meeting terminated at 1504 hours.