

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2007 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Jim O'Neill, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Isabella Macrae, George Smith, Neil McGhee and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; David Johnstone, Licensing and Community Safety Manager and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Harry Wilson, John Campbell and William Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES

1.1 Application for Renewal of a Licence to Keep an Animal Boarding Establishment

The Chair advised the Panel that this application had been deferred to a future meeting of the Panel at the request of the applicant.

1.2 Application for Renewal of a Licence to Keep a Dog Breeding and Rearing Establishment

The Chair advised the Panel that this application had been deferred to a future meeting of the Panel at the request of the applicant.

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING LICENSING RESOLUTION

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of a perceived anomaly in terms of requiring the issue of a Public Entertainment Licence in respect of agricultural or similar shows, and to consider possible remedial action.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposal to vary the Resolution relating to Public Entertainment to include the licensing of agricultural and related shows;
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Administrative and Legal Services to make the necessary arrangements, and;
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AMENDED PROCEDURE RELATING TO MARCHES, PARADES AND PROCESSIONS

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 February 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 and enacted amendments of Part V of the Civic

Government (Scotland) Act as they relate to the Council's procedures regarding the authorisation and control of processions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the changes to the current legislation in respect of marches, parades and processions;
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to cause a suitable procedure to be developed that would take account of the various requirements of the legislation and report back to a future meeting of the Panel; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES FOR THE USE AS LICENSED TAXIS (Item 3, page 2650, 03/07)

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited Members to consider the method of advertising and allocating additional licences for wheelchair accessible taxis.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the additional taxi operators licences required for the North Zone, be released in two phases, namely 6 by 30 June 2007 and the remainder necessary to achieve the required percentage by 31 December 2007, each licence subject to a condition that the vehicle would be, and would remain in perpetuity, capable of carrying a disabled passenger in their wheelchair;
- (ii) that the existing policy in respect of the surrender of a licence and granting of the same to a nominated successor, as referred to in paragraph 3.2(iv) of the report, be disapplied for a period of 3 years in respect of the additional licences;
- (iii) that the additional licences be allocated in accordance with the proposed arrangements set out on paragraph 4.0 of the report, and;
- (iv) to otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.