

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Raymond, John Weir, Harry Wilson, George Smith, William Menzies and Neil McGhee

**ATTENDING:** David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison Smith, Licensing and Community Safety Manager; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chief Inspector Robertson and Sergeant Willie Hodge, Strathclyde Police.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jim O'Neill, Daniel Coffey, Gordon Cree, Isabella Macrae and Elaine Stewart.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Raymond, 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 Hearings relating to the following items of business on the grounds that they 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 – ANDERSON MCGREGOR**

2. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services 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 Administrative and Legal Services outlined the agreed Hearing Procedure.

**2.1 Hearing**

The Panel heard Chief Inspector Robertson, representing Strathclyde Police in explanation of the Police observations, and Anderson McGregor, the applicant who spoke to the 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.

**2.2 Decision**

It was agreed that the application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence be granted for a period of 12 months subject to the standard conditions.

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#### **3.2 Decision**

It was agreed that the application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence be refused on the grounds that the Panel were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.