

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE – 21 MARCH 2001**

**CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO
EA/TD 469 – GORDON COPELAND**

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Sub-Committee to consider suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence Number EA/TD 469.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Gordon Copeland has been licensed to drive a taxi since 8 May 2000 and his licence is valid until 7 May 2003.
- 2.2 At the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 24 January 2001 it was agreed to continue consideration of the suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence number EA/TD 469 in order that the Licensee and/or his representative and Strathclyde Police might be invited to attend a Hearing on the application.
- 2.3 A copy of the report by the Director of Community Services dated 16 January 2001 is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 No communication has been received from the licence holder.
- 3.2 Strathclyde Police have intimated that they do not wish to be heard.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In terms of Schedule 1 Paragraph 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 a Licensing Authority may, in accordance with the provisions of that paragraph, order the suspension of a licence if in their opinion a condition of the licence has been contravened.

5.2 In terms of Schedule 1, Paragraph 11(7) a Licensing Authority in considering whether or not to suspend a licence may, but before deciding to do so shall give the holder of the licence, any person who has made a relevant complaint and the Chief Constable an opportunity to be heard by the Licensing Authority.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The Licensing Authority may consider the report by the Director of Community Services dated 16 January 2001 and information provided during the course of the Hearing, in reaching a decision.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee consider the Suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 469 by way of a Hearing.

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Director of Community Services

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2 March 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Licensing file No EA/TD 469.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or e-mail on john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

AGENDA