

Minute of Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

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| Thursday, 01 September 2022 | 10:00 | Remotely by MS Teams , |

Present: Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Sam Mullin, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor McNaughtan, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

C Dalrymple, Communities & Regulatory Manager (Communities & Housing Services) (for items 1 and 2 only); and D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), E Currie and P Shiach, both Senior Committee Services Officers, D Cunningham, Assistant Committee Services Officer, A Easdon, Team Leader (Licensing) (for items 1 to 8 only), G McIntosh, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (for items 1 to 7 only) and R McCallum and E Graham, both Administrative Assistants (for items 1 and 2 only) (all Finance & Resources).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting would be recorded for subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

Apology

Councillor Hood.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 16, the Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering items 12 (d) and (e) of the agenda before item 12 (c) of the agenda.

1 Scottish Government – Consultation on restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar and salt

There was submitted a report by the Director of Communities & Housing Services relative to the Scottish Government consultation on restricting the promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar and salt.

The report intimated that this was the latest in a number of consultation exercises sought to consider options to tackle a significant and increasing health issue across the UK.

The Council's draft response was appended to the report, and it was noted that the final date for submission was 23 September 2022. The draft response proposed that Renfrewshire Council strongly supported the development of public health measures such as the introduction of restrictions on foods high in fat, sugar and salt, but highlighted that the Council was acutely aware of the cost-of-living crisis and the challenges surrounding food poverty and the increasing use of food banks within some communities in Renfrewshire. Therefore, whilst foods high in fat, sugar and salt were causing a particular health crisis which required to be tackled, the response called on the Scottish Government to ensure that the price of healthier options remained affordable to ensure nutritious and wholesome food was available for all Renfrewshire residents.

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor McNaughtan, moved that the draft response to question 31 be amended as follows:

'While Renfrewshire Council supports limitations in principle, the focus of any programme should be on the promotion of healthy choices within special offer deals, rather than removal of those currently available. We recognise that deals on foods that might be considered unhealthy are for many constituents an easy and affordable way of securing a filling meal, and that these are included in budgeting. People in our communities on limited budgets are often also limited by location and variety of retailers. Implementation of limitations must be considered carefully to ensure limits do not further negatively impact people who are already facing hardship'.

This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That the consultation on restricting promotions on foods high in fat, sugar and salt be noted; and

(b) That question 31 of the draft response appended to the report be amended to read 'While Renfrewshire Council supports limitations in principle, the focus of any

programme should be on the promotion of healthy choices within special offer deals, rather than removal of those currently available. We recognise that deals on foods that might be considered unhealthy are for many constituents an easy and affordable way of securing a filling meal, and that these are included in budgeting. People in our communities on limited budgets are often also limited by location and variety of retailers. Implementation of limitations must be considered carefully to ensure limits do not further negatively impact people who are already facing hardship' and that the amended consultation response be approved.

2 **Proposed Scheme for Licensing of Short-term Lets**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 8 June 2022, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the responses received to the recent consultation on the licensing of short-term lets and seeking approval of policies and proposals for implementation of the mandatory short-term lets licensing scheme in Renfrewshire.

The report provided detail in relation to the responses received and these formed appendices 1 to 7 to the report; Appendix 8 to the report set out the proposed policy in relation to licensing of short-term lets; Appendix 9 to the report set out the proposed licence conditions; and Appendix 10 to the report detailed the proposed fees structure.

The provisions of the Licensing Order to modify the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and introduce new procedures in relation to short-term lets required additional powers to be used and section 7 of the report detailed the additional delegations to officers required.

DECIDED:

(a) That the proposed policy for Renfrewshire in relation to the licensing of short-term lets, as set out at Appendix 8 of the report, including the statutory policy in relation to Temporary Exemptions be agreed;

(b) That the proposed licence conditions for short-term lets, as set out at Appendix 9 of the report, be agreed;

(c) That the proposed fees structure for short-term lets, as set out at Appendix 10 of the report, be agreed;

(d) That it be agreed that the duration of short-term let licences granted and renewed in Renfrewshire be for a period of three years;

(e) That officers be instructed to develop application forms and guidance notes for short-term lets and to publish the policy, conditions, fees, application forms and guidance notes on the Council's website and otherwise take such steps as may be required to introduce the short-term let licensing scheme prior to 1 October 2022;

ND (f) That it be recommended to Council that additional delegations to officers be agreed, as set out at section 7 of the report; and

(g) That otherwise the terms of the report be noted.

3 **Grant of Late Hours Catering Licences - Personal Appearances**

There were submitted the undernoted applications for grant of Late Hours Catering Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Applicant: Select Service Partner Limited
Premises: Bird & Signet, 1st Floor Departures Lounge, Glasgow Airport
Activity: Cafe
Operating Hours: Monday to Sunday – 11pm to 5am

Mr Caulfield, on behalf of the applicant, and his Solicitor, Ms McGuire, joined the meeting by video call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year and that the applicant be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year and that the applicant be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours.

(b) Applicant: Select Service Partner Limited
Premises: The Spinning Jenny, Arrivals Lounge, Glasgow Airport
Activity: Cafe
Operating Hours: Monday to Sunday – 11pm to 5am

Mr Hendrie, on behalf of the applicant, and his Solicitor, Ms McGuire, joined the meeting by video call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year and that the applicant be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year and that the applicant be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours.

4 **Renewal of Street Trader's Licence**

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a Street Trader's Licence:-

Applicant: Elizabeth Donaldson
Authorised Goods: hot and cold food and beverages, milk and confectionery
Locations: Watt Road, Hillington; Huntley Road, Hillington and Maxwell Street, Paisley
Operating Hours: Hillington – Monday to Friday – 6am to 2pm Paisley – Monday to Sunday – 9pm to 4am
Licence. No.: ST547

The Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of two years and that the applicant continue to be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of two years and that the applicant continue to be an exception to the Board's policy on trading hours.

5 **Variation of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences - Personal Appearances**

There were submitted the undernoted applications for variation of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Applicant: Gordon Ritchie

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH1620

Mr Ritchie, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Ritchie's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Ritchie to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number NU15 VHB for a period of one year from 22 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within three months of 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Ritchie's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Ritchie to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number NU15 VHB, for a period of one year from 22 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within three months of 1 September 2022.

(b) Applicant: William Rooney

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH0780

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Rooney, the applicant. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in Mr Rooney's absence. This was agreed unanimously. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Rooney's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Rooney to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SG15 TUW for a period of one year from 5 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Rooney's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Rooney to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SG15 TUW, for a period of one year from 5 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

(c) Applicant: Thomas McNeil

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH0705

Mr McNeil, the applicant, joined the meeting by video call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr McNeil's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable

Mr McNeil to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number YX14 UHV for a period of one year from 7 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr McNeil's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr McNeil to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number YX14 UHV, for a period of one year from 7 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

(d) Applicant: Iain Jack

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH1533

Mr Jack, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Jack's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Jack to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SH15 NMU for a period of one year from 28 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Jack's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Jack to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SH15 NMU, for a period of one year from 28 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

(e) Applicant: Margaret McGarrell

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH1074

There was no appearance by Ms McGarrell, the applicant, who had previously indicated that she wished her application to be considered by way of written submissions. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Ms McGarrell's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of her licence be amended to enable Ms McGarrell to continue to operate her present vehicle, registration number YP15 XLZ for a period of one year from 27 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within three months of 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Ms McGarrell's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of her licence be amended to enable Ms McGarrell to continue to operate her present vehicle, registration number YP15 XLZ for a period of one year from 27 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within three months of 1 September 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

(f) Applicant: Syed Azhar Islam Shah
Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1
Licence No.: PH1573

Mr Shah, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Shah's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Shah to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number FP15 VWH for a period of eighteen months from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Shah's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Shah to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number FP15 VWH for a period of eighteen months from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

(g) Applicant: MD Kafil Uddin Mahmud
Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1
Licence No.: PH1600

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Mahmud, the applicant. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in Mr Mahmud's absence. This was agreed unanimously. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Mahmud's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Mahmud to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number ML15 EKM for a period of one year from 31 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Mahmud's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Mahmud to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number ML15 EKM for a period of one year from 31 March 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

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Councillor Montgomery left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

6 Variation of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences and Renewal of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences – Personal Appearances

There were submitted the undernoted applications for variation of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences and renewal of Private Hire Car Operators' Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Applicant: Lorraine Wood

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH0891

Ms Wood, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. The Convener proposed that both applications be considered together but that separate decisions be made. This was agreed unanimously. Ms Wood also agreed to this. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed (i) that Ms Wood's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of her licence be amended to enable Ms Wood to continue to operate her present vehicle, registration number FG14 JPJ for a period of one year from 30 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals; and (ii) that Ms Wood's application for renewal of her Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of two years. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(i) That Ms Wood's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of her licence be amended to enable Ms Wood to continue to operate her present vehicle, registration number FG14 JPJ for a period of one year from 30 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals; and

(ii) That Ms Wood's application for renewal of her Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of two years.

(b) Applicant: Gul Saeed Khattak

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: PH0765

Mr Khattak, the applicant, joined the meeting by video call. The Convener proposed that both applications be considered together but that separate decisions be made. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Khattak also agreed to this. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed (i) that Mr Khattak's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Khattak to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number GM15 EZR for a period of one year from 26 June 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022; and (ii) that Mr Khattak's application for renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of two years. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(i) That Mr Khattak's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 1 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Khattak to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number GM15 EZR for a period of one year from 26 June 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022; and

(ii) That Mr Khattak's application for renewal of his Private Hire Car Operator's Licence be granted for a period of two years.

7 Variation of Taxi Operators' Licences – Personal Appearances

There were submitted the undernoted applications for variation of Taxi Operators' Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

(a) Applicant: Jason Clark

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 2

Licence Nos.: TX073 and TX125

Mr Clark, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. The Convener proposed that both applications be considered together but that separate decisions be made. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Clark also agreed to this. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed (i) that Mr Clark's application for variation of TX073 be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Clark to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SF14 BGZ for a period of one year from 29 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022; and (ii) that Mr Clark's application for variation of TX125 be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Clark to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SF14 DAA for a period of one year from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(i) That Mr Clark's application for variation of TX073 be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Clark to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SF14 BGZ for a period of one year from 29 April 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022; and

(ii) That Mr Clark's application for variation of TX125 be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Clark to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SF14 DAA for a period of one year from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals with the first inspection being carried out within 28 days from 1 September 2022.

(b) Applicant: William Mottram

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 2

Licence No.: TX176

Mr Mottram, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Mottram's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Mottram to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number SH13 GXB for a period of one year from 22 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Mottram's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Mottram to continue to operate his

present vehicle, registration number SH13 GXB for a period of one year from 22 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals.

(c) Applicant: David Robertson

Variation: exception to policy and standard condition 1

Licence No.: TX002

There was no appearance by Mr Robertson, the applicant, who had previously indicated that he wished his application to be considered by way of written submissions. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that Mr Robertson's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Robertson to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number DV13 RRZ for a period of one year from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Robertson's application for variation be granted and that standard condition 22 of his licence be amended to enable Mr Robertson to continue to operate his present vehicle, registration number DV13 RRZ for a period of one year from 1 May 2022, subject to the vehicle being tested at three-monthly intervals.

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Councillor Hughes left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

8 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Operator's Licence

There was submitted the undernoted application for the surrender and re-issue of a Taxi Operator's Licence:-

Present Operator: Thomas Bagglely

Proposed Operator: Jalil Iqbal

Licence No.: TX030

The Convener proposed that the application be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.10 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

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Councillor Mullin was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

9 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Operator's Licence

There was submitted the undernoted application for the surrender and re-issue of a Taxi Operator's Licence:-

Present Operator: Hugh Anderson
Proposed Operator: Brian Paton
Licence No.: TX006

The Convener proposed that the application be granted. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted.

10 Renewal of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence – Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

MD Kafi Uddin Mahmud PH1600

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that this application had been granted under delegated authority for a period of two years.

DECIDED: That it be noted that this application had been granted under delegated authority for a period of two years.

11 Grant of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence – Personal Appearance

There was submitted the undernoted application for grant of a Private Hire Car Operator's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Mashooq Zazai

Mr Zazai, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year.

12 **Grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances**

There were submitted the undernoted applications for grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. The applicants had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to application (e) and representations to applications (c) and (d):-

(a) Obaid Amiri

Mr Amiri, the applicant, joined the meeting by video call. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year.

(b) Mahabubul Hoque

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Hoque. The Convener proposed that the application be considered in Mr Hoque's absence. This was agreed unanimously. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

(c) Shohel Miah

Mr Miah, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call together with Sergeant Moore-McGrath, who joined by video call, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted a representation to the application. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that the application be granted for a period of one year. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be granted for a period of one year.

(d) Lennyederson De Jesus Barbosa

Mr Barbosa, the applicant, and his son joined the meeting by video call together with Sergeant Moore-McGrath, who also joined by video call, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted a representation to the application. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

(e) Hafiz Saleem

Mr Saleem, the applicant, joined the meeting by telephone call together with Sergeant Moore-McGrath, who joined by video call, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had

submitted an objection to the application. Due to the technical issues experienced by Mr Saleem, the Convener proposed that consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That consideration of the application be continued and that the applicant be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

13 **Renewal of Private Car Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance**

There was submitted the undernoted application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted a representation to the application:-

Mohsin Shabbir Kiani

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that the applicant had withdrawn this application.

DECIDED: That it be noted that this application had been withdrawn.

14 **Grant of Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance**

There was submitted the undernoted application for grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence. The applicant had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who had submitted an objection to the application and a further letter, both received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Kristopher McGlinchey

Mr McGlinchey, the applicant, joined the meeting by video call together with Sergeant Moore-McGrath, who also joined by video call, on behalf of the Chief Constable who had submitted an objection to the application and a further letter, both received outwith the statutory timescale.

On hearing the reasons for the lateness of the objection, it was decided that the objection would be taken into account when the application was being considered.

The Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) advised that the further letter from Police Scotland had not been circulated to members of the Board. After consideration of the age, nature and seriousness of the matters contained in the letter, the Convener proposed that the Board admit the letter as the interests of justice so required. This was agreed.

After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this application. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that the application be refused. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That the application be refused.