



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET**

**THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor J McNeil (Chair)  
Councillor D Grant  
Councillor J Caldwell  
Councillor F McAllister

**Council Officials Present:**

Ms C Molloy, Legal Adviser  
Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor  
Ms D Richardson, Licensing Administration Officer

**Others Present**

Insp S Broadhurst, Lothian & Borders Police  
PC H Bowsher, Lothian & Borders Police

**Clerk:**

Mrs F Stewart, Committees Assistant

**Apologies:**

Councillor J Williamson  
Councillor J McMillan

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The Licensing Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to exclude the public from the following business containing exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 6 (information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person other than the Authority) of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

### **1. Applications for Grant of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence**

The Sub-Committee considered two applications for grant of a licence; one was continued and one was granted for a period of 6 months.

### **2. Application for Renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence**

The Sub-Committee considered one application for renewal of a licence and it was agreed.

### **3. Suspension of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence**

The Sub-Committee agreed to extend the suspension of one licence until the date of its expiry on 23 September 2013.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM**

### **TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENSING – PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE**

The Executive Director (Support Services) had submitted a report presenting the Sub-committee with the proposed response to the above Consultation on behalf of the Council.

The Senior Solicitor presented the report, stating that a report had been submitted to the Sub-Committee on 14 February 2013 providing an introduction to the Scottish Government Consultation on Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing and detailing the various questions being raised as part of that consultation.

Members had agreed to provide comments on the consultation questions and the Senior Solicitor had now drafted a proposed response for consideration and approval. He advised that the consultation closed tomorrow (15 March 2013) but there was still an opportunity to incorporate any changes today.

Members considered the Consultation responses and discussed a number of issues arising from the questions including training opportunities for taxi drivers and operators, the procedures and record keeping of taxi operating companies and the Conditions of Taxi Operators' licences.

### **Decision**

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the proposed response to the Consultation questions and authorise the Corporate Legal Advisor to issue same.