



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

**THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J McNeil (Chair)
Councillor D Grant
Councillor J McMillan
Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor J Williamson
Councillor S Currie

Council Officials Present:

Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor
Ms D Elworthy, Licensing Officer
Ms M Winter, Licensing Officer
Ms G Herkes, Licensing Officer
Mr R Fruzynski, Licensing Standards Officer

Others Present:

Insp A Harborow, Police Scotland
PC H Bowsher, Police Scotland

Clerk:

Mrs F Stewart

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Currie and Councillor Williamson declared an interest in Item 3 on the agenda as both had expressed a view on the applications prior to the meeting.

The Chair, who was not seeking re-election at the local elections, thanked the Police Scotland representatives and their colleagues in East Lothian, Midlothian and the Borders for their help over the past 5 years. The Chair thanked the Council's Senior Solicitor and Licensing staff for their sound advice over the years and also wished to convey his thanks to Kirstie MacNeil and Morag Ferguson. Finally, he thanked his fellow Members on the Committee and stated that it had been a privilege for him to serve as an Elected Member for 18 years.

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 A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE

The Sub-Committee had received 2 applications; one was refused and one was continued.

2. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Two licence holders had been invited to attend. The suspension was removed from one licence and continued to the date of expiry (December 2017) on the other.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF TEMPORARY PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The Sub-Committee had received two applications. One application was granted in part and the other application was granted in full.

4. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee had received one application and it was refused.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE CONDUCT OF TAXI DRIVERS

This item was postponed until the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 8 June 2017.

6. PRIVATE MINUTES OF 9 FEBRUARY 2017

The Sub-Committee agreed that the minute of 9 February 2017 was a true record of the meeting.