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Licensing Committee
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Monday 3 September 2018 at 10.30am

Present:

M Bell	A Cooper
C Hughson	S Leask
I Scott	C Smith
G Smith	B Wishart

Apologies:

None.

In Attendance (Officers):

K Adam, Solicitor
R Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer
Sgt Douglas, Police Scotland
L Malcolmson, Committee Officer

Chair

Mr I Scott, Chair of the Committee, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

Comment was made that it was not possible to know if a declaration of interest was required from a name alone, provided in the report. There were occasions when it would only become clear that a declaration is necessary once the person enters the room and it would be embarrassing for a Member to then have to leave when the applicant is present. Following the advice of Officers, the Committee uncertainty remained and the Chair and Vice-Chair raised further concerns about the aide memoire provided by the Team Leader – Legal earlier in the year, concerning both the Licensing Committee and the Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board. The Committee therefore requested that a training session be provided by the Team Leader – Legal, to address questions about the changes in procedure following the introduction of the aide memoire.

07/18 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 5 June 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed on the motion of Ms Wishart seconded by Mr C Smith.

The minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 10 July 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed on the motion of Mr G Smith seconded by Mrs C Hughson.

On the motion of Mr Scott, seconded by Mr G Smith the Committee resolved in terms of subsection 4 of Section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from this meeting during consideration of the following agenda item on the grounds that it is likely that, if the public were present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

08/18

Taxi, Private Hire Car and Booking Office Licence Application

The Committee considered a report by the Transport Policy and Projects Officer seeking a decision on an application for a Taxi, Private Hire Car and Booking Office Licence Application.

The Committee were advised that the applicant was not present.

The Committee decided to admit for consideration observations from the Police concerning previous convictions of the applicants. Copies of the Police observations were then circulated to Members.

Decision:

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the grant of a taxi driver's licence to for a period of 1 year.

The meeting concluded at 10.45am.

CHAIR