

## Highland Council

Minute of the remote meeting of the **Highland Licensing Committee** held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 10.00 am.

### **Present:**

Mr J Bruce, Mr A Jarvie (Chair), Mrs E Knox, Mrs L MacDonald and Mr D Macpherson.

### **In attendance:**

Miss C McArthur, Principal Solicitor (Regulatory Services), Performance and Governance

Mr I Meredith, Solicitor, Regulatory Services, Performance and Governance

Mr A Fowler, Trainee Solicitor, Performance and Governance

Mr M Elsey, Senior Licensing Officer, Performance and Governance

Mrs A MacArthur, Administrative Assistant, Performance and Governance

### **Also attending:**

Item 6.1 – Mr F Kyriacou, applicant's representative

The Chair confirmed that the meeting would be webcast and gave a short briefing on the Council's webcasting procedure and protocol.

## **Business**

### **1. Apologies for absence Leisgeulan**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr K Rosie.

### **2. Declarations of interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Confirmation of minutes Dearbhadh a' Gheàrr-chunntais**

There had been submitted for confirmation as a correct record the minute of meeting of the Committee held on 22 February 2022 which was **APPROVED**.

### **4. Licences granted under delegated powers Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/017/22** by the Principal Solicitor which details all Licences which have been granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 granted in the period from 10 February 2022 to 16 March 2022.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

**5. Pending applications – 3 monthly considerations  
Iarrtasan ri thighinn – beachdachaidhean 3 mìosach**

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/018/22** by the Principal Solicitor relating to applications which are currently pending for the grant or renewal of licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee **AGREED** to defer the determination of the applications, either:

- (a) to allow them to be approved under delegated powers in the event that no objections/representations are received and all outstanding documentation has been received from the applicants; or
- (b) to a future meeting of the Committee when the applications will be determined in terms of the Hearings Procedure.

**6. Housing (Scotland) Act 2006  
Applications for house in multiple occupation licence  
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982  
Iarrtasan airson ceadachd thairghean ann an ioma-sheilbh**

**6.1 Premises – Staff Accommodation, Craiglynne Hotel, Woodlands Terrace, Grantown on Spey**

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/019/22** by the Principal Solicitor relating to the grant of a house in multiple occupation licence from Craiglynne Properties Ltd in respect of premises at Craiglynne Hotel, Staff Accommodation Woodlands Terrace, Grantown on Spey (Ward 20 – Badenoch and Strathspey).

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that the Fire Service had visited the premises and had no objection to the application. The necessary building warrant certification had however yet to be received.

The Committee then heard from Mr F Kyriacou, the applicant's representative, who stated that matters had been discussed with the Building Control officers and once the electrical certificates had been received these would be forwarded to Building Control. The staff quarters had been fully renovated and a high standard of accommodation had been achieved.

The delay had been due to burst pipes and delays relating to Covid 19.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the licence subject to an additional condition:

- no HMO activities can take place at the premises until such time that Building Standards are satisfied and have signed off the renovation works.

**7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982  
Taxi driver's / operator's licences  
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982  
Ceadachdan Dhràibhearán / Oibrichean Tagsaidh**

**7.1 Application for renewal of taxi driver's licence – Norman Reid**

There had been circulated **Report No HLC/020/22** by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which has been received from Norman Reid for the renewal of a taxi driver's licence (Ward 19 – Inverness South).

The applicant was not in attendance. The Senior Licensing Officer advised that confirmation had yet to be received that Mr Reid met the DVLA Group 2 (PSV) standard.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT DELEGATED POWERS** to the Principal Solicitor to refuse the application should the licence holder either (1) fail to produce the required medical information to Alert Health Ltd or (2) Alert Health Ltd confirm that the medical information provided to them does not allow them to state that the licence holder meets the DVLA Group 2 (PSV) medical standard, all by 5 April 2022.

The meeting closed at 10.15 am.