

MINUTES of RECONVENED MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday 20 March 2012 at 4.00pm.

Present:- Councillors C Beattie (Chair), Aitchison, L Beattie, Bennett, Brown, Constable, Imrie, Moffat, Muirhead, Russell, Statham, Thacker, and Wilson.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Boyes, Chalmers, Milligan, Montgomery and Thompson.

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Procedures for Disposing of Applications for and considering requests for the suspension of Licences

The Committee noted reports, dated 12 and 9 March 2012, by the Director, Corporate Resources, concerning the procedures for disposing of applications for and considering requests for the suspension of licences, in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

3 Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 - Procedure for Disposing of Applications for Registration by Private Landlords

The Committee noted report, dated 12 March 2012, by the Director, Corporate Resources, concerning the procedure for considering applications for the Registration of Private Landlords.

4 Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Committee agreed that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the undernoted items, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 12 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

- (a) Private Landlord Registration - Consideration of Application – To refuse to grant the application as the Applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to be the holder of a licence;

- (b) Private Hire Car Licences – Consideration of Application and Request for Suspension – To grant the application and decline the request, with a note of caution to the Applicant / Licence Holder about his future conduct; and
- (c) Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – Grant Application with a note of caution to the applicant about her future conduct .

The meeting terminated at 4.50pm.