

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a remote webcast meeting of
19 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Alec Clark, Craig Mackay and Brian McGinley. Councillors Ian Fitzsimmons and Mary Kilpatrick joined the meeting late due to connectivity issues.
- Apologies: Councillors Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana & Margaret Toner
- Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; M. Wright, Fleet Inspector, Fleet Management; F. Maher, Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Committee Services Clerical Assistant.
- In Attendance: Area Commander K. Lammie and Detective Inspector T. Crombie, Police Scotland.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 17 March 2022 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Update by Civic Licensing Standards Officer

The Civic Licensing Standards Officer advised of the failure statistics for taxi and private hire car vehicles for the first quarter of 2022 compared to 2021:

TAXI	TESTS	FAILS	PERCENTAGE
1 January – 31 March 2022	33	2	6%
1 January – 31 March 2021	27	4	15%
PRIVATE HIRE	TESTS	FAILS	PERCENTAGE
1 January – 31 March 2022	35	10	29%
1 January – 31 March 2021	35	1	3%

The Civic Licensing Standards Officer advised that there had been a slight decrease in Taxi Vehicles failing the inspection. However, there had been a considerable increase in Private Hire Vehicles failing the inspection during this time which was disappointing. All operators will continue to be monitored.

Panel Members thanked the Civic Licensing Standards Officer for her update.

4. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Taxi Drivers

- (i) The Panel heard from Police Scotland and the applicant, Andrew Scott, in relation to his application.

Decided: to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

Councillors Fitzsimmons and Kilpatrick joined the meeting at this point and confirmed they had no declarations of interest.

- (ii) The Panel considered the proposed suspension of various licences.

Decided:

- (A) that as the undernoted licence holders had not completed training, to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead - Legal and Licensing to suspend the licences held by the following for their unexpired duration with immediate effect from 3rd May 2022 and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead - Legal and Licensing to reinstate these licences once proof of completion of the training course had been exhibited:

- (I) Marc Harry Kenmore;
- (II) Matthew Alan Robertson;
- (III) Jane Campbell Steele;
- (IV) James Gray;
- (V) Paul Thomson;
- (VI) Denise Ann Thompson;
- (VII) Stephen John McTaggart;
- (VIII) Douglas Albert Pieper;
- (IX) Jonathan David Cumming;
- (X) Krzysztof Andrzej Wos;
- (XI) Richard Denton;
- (XII) John Lockhart;
- (XIII) Hamidullah Sultani; and
- (XIV) Robert Ross Taylor.

(b) Private Hire Drivers

The Panel considered the proposed suspension of various licences.

Decided:

- (i) that as the licence holders had not completed training to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead- Legal and Licensing to suspend the licences held by the following for their unexpired duration with immediate effect from 3rd May 2022 and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead - Legal and Licensing to reinstate these licences once proof of completion of the training course had been exhibited:-

- (A) Daniel Lee Nelson;
- (B) Alexander Kerr;

- (C) William Peter Murray;
- (D) Stainslaw Leon Forczek;
- (E) Christopher Robert Mills;
- (F) Callum John Little;
- (G) Joseph Graham Clark;
- (H) David Alexander Nisbet; and
- (I) Stuart Meikle.

(c) **Taxi Vehicle**

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, the Fleet Inspector and from the applicant's representative in relation to the proposed renewal of the licence held by Richard Colville for Taxi Vehicle registration RC65 HAM, Plate number 90

Decided: to approve the renewal of the licence, subject to the vehicle being presented for inspection within six months, unless Mr Colville has substituted a new vehicle within that time

(d) **Street Trader – Late Hours Catering**

Brian Samuel Darroch did not attend the meeting. An attempt was made to contact Mr Darroch, however no response was obtained.

Decided: to continue this item to the next Regulatory Panel (Licensing), date to be confirmed post Elections.

The meeting ended at 3:02 pm