

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
16 March 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in
County Hall: Councillors Martin Kilbride (Chair), Ian Cavana and Duncan Townson.

Present Remotely: Councillors Mark Dixon, Mary Kilpatrick and Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Kenneth Bell, Alec Clark and Brian Connolly.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; G. Beattie, Fleet Inspector; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

Attending
Remotely: Sergeant D. McIntosh, Police Scotland.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Service Lead – Legal and Licensing called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that Councillor Townson declared an interest in Item No. 4(a)(i) of this Minute as the applicant was known to him.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [minutes](#) of 16 February 2023 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from item 4(a)(i) of this Minute, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Having previously declared an interest in the following item, Councillor Townson left the meeting at this point.

4. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences**

(a) **Taxi Driver**

- (i) Reference was made to the Minutes of 16 February 2023 (Page 2, paragraph 6(b)(i) when the Panel had decided to suspend the licence currently held by David Knox Little with immediate effect for a period of six weeks or until a hearing under paragraph 11 of the Act, whichever shall be earlier; and the Panel now re-considered this matter.

Decided: having heard from Police Scotland and Mr. Little in response, to suspend the licence previously held by David Knox Little with immediate effect for its unexpired duration under paragraph 11(2)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, namely that, in their opinion, the licence holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence, and the carrying on of the licensed activity is causing, or is likely to cause, a threat to public safety.

Councillor Townson re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) The Panel heard from the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing and from the licence holder, Iain Ross Connon, in relation to his application.

Decided: to approve this application for three years, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(b) **Taxi Vehicle.**

- (i) The Panel considered the application from Catherine Marie Wilkie.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of his Panel.

- (ii) The Panel considered the application from Grampion Radios Limited and Graeme Russell..

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of his Panel.

5. **Exclusion of press and public.**

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

6. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences**

Private Hire Vehicle

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Inspector and from the licence holder, Mirwais Qayumi in response in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

Decided: to take no further action at this time.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.