

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
25 September 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present in
County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark and Duncan Townson.
- Present Remotely: Councillors Lee Lyons and Craig Mackay.
- Apologies: Councillors Martin Kilbride and Mary Kilpatrick.
- Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); G. Armstrong, Fleet Inspector; C. Bain, Fleet Inspector; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant.
- In Attendance: Sergeant D. Markin, 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 Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that 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 – 28 August 2025

As Councillor Townson was not in attendance at this meeting, he was not eligible to vote on these minutes.

The minutes of 28 August 2025 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences**(a) Taxi Driver Licence**

The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Sean Dempsey, in relation to his application and adjourned for consideration of this application.

Upon reconvening, in terms of Standing Order No. 19.9, there was no general agreement to the unopposed motion, therefore, the Panel moved to a vote undertaken by electronic means for or against the Motion. Five Members voted for the Motion and one Member abstained and the Panel

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

(b) Training

The Panel considered the proposed suspension of various licences as the licence holders had not completed the mandatory training.

The Panel

Decided:

- (i) having heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) that, as the undernoted licence holders had not completed training, to suspend the licences held by them for their unexpired duration with immediate effect on the ground that a condition of the licence has been contravened:
 - (A) Fartun Nuur;
 - (B) Alexander McCulloch;
 - (C) Scott McEwan;
 - (D) James William Robert Easdale;
 - (E) Jack Alexander Christie; and
 - (F) Jafar Alipour;
- (ii) having heard the Co-ordinator (Licensing) advise that the following had surrendered their licence, to take no further action in relation to these licence holders:
 - (A) Reza Rezaeijami;
 - (B) Steven Kerr; and
 - (C) John Joseph Cunningham;
- (iii) having heard the Co-ordinator (Licensing) advise that Abdulahi Elmi Ali had now responded to correspondence outlining that he was booked on the training course scheduled to take place on 5 November 2025; to request that Mr. Ali submit the appropriate certification confirming completion of training within one week of the course, however, should this not be submitted, to suspend the licence held by him for its unexpired duration on the ground that a condition of the licence had been contravened;
- (iv) having heard the licence holder, Andrea Morrison, advise she was booked on the next training course on 5 November 2025, to request that Ms. Morrison submit the appropriate certification confirming completion of training within one week of the course, however, should this not be submitted, to suspend the licence held by her for its unexpired duration on the ground that a condition of the licence had been contravened;

4. **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 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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

Taxi Vehicle Licences

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from the Fleet Inspector and from the licence holder's representative in relation to the proposed suspension of the licences currently held by Jane Coulter; and adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Panel

Decided: to take no further action.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.