

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
18 February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Alec Clark, Wullie Hogg, Martin Kilbride, Duncan Townson and George Weir.

Present Remotely: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Ian Cavana and Mary Kilpatrick.

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant.

In Attendance: Sergeant D. Markin and A. Dempster, 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

(a) Minutes of 26 November 2026 (Site Visit)

As Councillors Hogg, Mackay and Townson were not in attendance at this site visit, they were not eligible to vote on these minutes.

The minutes of 26 November 2025 (issued) were submitted and approved.

(b) Minutes of 22 January 2026

The minutes of 22 January 2026 (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 the remaining items of business on the agenda on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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

(a) **Taxi Drivers**

- (i) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Palpinder Singh in relation to his application.

The Panel

Decided:

- (A) to take no action at this time and to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of this Panel on 19 March 2026; and
- (B) to request that Mr Singh attend this meeting in person.
- (ii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Lee Walker in relation to his application.

Six Members voted for the Motion and one Member abstained and the Panel

Decided:

- (A) to request that Police Scotland advise the Panel of any conviction received by Mr Walker and the Panel would review this matter at that time; and
- (B) to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to grant the licence once Mr Walker has submitted confirmation that he meets Group 2 Medical Standards from his GP or a registered medical practitioner.

5. **Any Other Business**

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

Taxi Drivers

In terms of urgency, the Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from Police Scotland in relation to the proposed immediate suspension of the licence currently held by William Young.

The Panel

Decided: to immediately suspend the licence held by William Young in terms of Paragraph 12(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as in their opinion, the carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates, is causing, or is likely to cause, a serious threat to public order or public safety.

The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.