

**REGULATORY PANEL (SPECIAL)**

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of  
22 April 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Wullie Hogg and Martin Kilbride.

Present Remotely: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Mary Kilpatrick, Duncan Townson and George Weir.

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, 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. 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 following two items 5(a)(i) and 5(a)(ii) 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.

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

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) who advised that the Chief Governance Officer had taken a decision to suspend the licence previously held by Mervin Waldapfel in terms of Paragraph 11(2)(a) and/or (2)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, due to the carrying on of the licensed activity is causing, or is likely to cause a serious threat to public safety and that the Panel were now requested to consider suspension of this licence in terms of Paragraph 12(1) of the Act.

The Panel then heard from Police Scotland and from the licence holder, Mervin Waldapfel in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him, under Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Panel

**Decided:** to suspend the licence currently held by Mervin Waldapfel immediately for its unexpired duration as, in their opinion, the licence holder is not, or 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 serious threat to public safety.

The meeting ended at 10.15 a.m.