

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
28 May 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Present Remotely: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Alec Clark, Mary Kilpatrick and George Weir.

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); G. Armstrong, Fleet Inspector; C. Bain, Fleet Inspector; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

Also Attending: Inspector I. McColl, 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 of 30 April 2026

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

The minutes of 30 April 2026 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Taxi Drivers

- (i) There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) by the Chief Governance Officer seeking Panel decision on whether to grant an exemption certificate to Brian Haddow for exemption of mobility assistance duties under the Equality Act 2010.

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the representative for the licence holder Brian Haddow in relation to his request.

The Panel

Decided: to approve the exemption from mobility assistance duties under Section 166 of the Act for the duration of his current licence and any subsequent licences.

- (ii) There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) by the Chief Governance Officer for Panel to consider the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by William Gibson.

In the absence of the applicant, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to suspend the licence currently held by William Gibson in terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 with immediate effect for its unexpired portion on the grounds that the carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates has caused, is causing or is likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or safety; and
 - (2) to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to recall the suspension of the licence once the licence holder has provided evidence he meets Group 2 medical standards.
- (iii) Reference was made to the Minutes of 19 March 2026 (Page 2, paragraph 4(a)(ii)) when it had been decided to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting of this Panel until the outcome of the court case was known. The Panel then heard from Police Scotland and from the licence holder, Palpinder Singh in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence held by him.

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

Decided: to suspend the licence for the remainder of its term with immediate effect on the grounds that Mr Singh is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence and the carrying out of the activity to which the licence relates has caused or is likely to cause a threat to public safety.

- (iv) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator – Licensing in relation to the application from Joe Berham.

The Panel

Decided: to note that this application had been withdrawn.

- (v) The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Murat Tatlici in relation to his application.

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 approved.

- (vi) Reference was made to the Minutes of 30 April 2026 (Page 3, paragraph 4(c)(ii)) when the Panel had decided, in the absence of the applicant, Daniel Crossan, to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel to allow the applicant to attend in person.

In the absence of the applicant, the Panel

Decided: to refuse this application on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

(b) **Taxi Vehicle**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from the Fleet Inspector and from the representative for the licence holder, Jane Coulter in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by her.

Adjournment

The time being 11.12 a.m., the Panel adjourned for consideration of this application.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 11.28 a.m.

The Panel

Decided: to suspend the licence for the remainder of its term with immediate effect on the grounds that Ms Coulter is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence and the carrying out of the activity to which the licence relates has caused or is likely to cause a threat to public safety

(c) **Late Hours Catering**

Bunnyhop by Sam's Limited T/A Taza by Sam's, 62 Main Street, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed, the approved hours being Sunday to Thursday inclusive from 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 11.00 p.m. to 3.00 a.m.

The meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.