

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of a remote webcast meeting of
25 November 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Craig Mackay (Chair), Ian Cavana, Ian Fitzsimmons, Mary Kilpatrick, Brian McGinley and Margaret Toner.
- Apologies: Councillors Brian Connolly, Iain Campbell and Alec Clark.
- Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.
- In Attendance: Inspector F. Braddick, Police Scotland.

Chair

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mackay Chaired the meeting.

Chair's Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest.

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.

The minutes of 28 October 2021 (issued) were submitted and approved.

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

Reference was made to the Minutes of 26 August 2021 (Page 3, paragraph 3(b)(ii)), when the Panel had decided to continue consideration of this application; and the Panel heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) in relation to the application from Ahmad Farooqi advising that his application had now been approved under delegated powers.

Decided: to note that the application from Ahmad Farooqi had now been approved under delegated powers.

4. Variation in order of business

In terms of Council Standing Order No. 13(3), the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

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

Taxi Drivers.

The Panel heard an observation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Shaun McQuillan, in response.

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

6. **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 paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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

Taxi Drivers.

(a) Reference was made to the Minutes of 28 October 2021 (Page 2, paragraph 5(a)(ii)), when the Panel had decided to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel to allow information to be sought from the Procurator Fiscal and, if necessary, also from Police Scotland. The Panel then heard from Police Scotland, considered the written submission from the applicant, Patrick Welsh; and heard from Mr. Welsh in response.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel to allow further information to be sought.

(b) The Panel heard an objection from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Alexander MacRae, in response.

Decided: to refuse this application on the grounds that, in terms of paragraph 5(3)(a)(ii) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, in their opinion, the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

(c) The Panel heard an observation from Police Scotland and considered a written statement from the applicant, Daniel McColgan.

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to approve this application for three years, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

The meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.