

REGULATORY PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on
16 July 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillor Brian Connolly (Chair).
- Present Remotely: Councillors Andy Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Peter Convery, Ian Fitzsimmons Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.
- Attending: J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.
- Attending Remotely: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); and D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer.
- Also Attending Remotely: Sergeant S. Barrie, Police Scotland.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt and confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation. He also confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting.

2. 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.

3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences.

Taxi Driver.

The Chair outlined that the licence holder had been invited to attend but had not joined the meeting.

The Panel then heard from Police Scotland and the Team Leader (Licensing) in relation to the suspension of the licence held by Festim Ereqi.

Councillor Toner left the meeting during consideration of this matter due to connectivity issues.

The Panel

Decided: to suspend the licence held by Festim Ereqi with immediate effect for its unexpired duration under paragraph 11(2)(a) and /or (2)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, namely that the licence holder is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence; and the carrying on of the licensed activity is likely to cause a threat to public safety.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.