

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on
20 February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Peter Convery, Ian Fitzsimmons and Margaret Toner.
- Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell, Mary Kilpatrick and Craig Mackay.
- Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); R. Hannah, Fleet Officer; D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

1. Chair's Remarks.

The Chair outlined the procedures for the hearing process pertaining to the applications on the agenda.

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. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of [23 January 2020](#) (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Variation in order of business.

In terms of Council Standing Order No. 13.2, the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences.**(a) Taxi Driver Training.**

The Panel heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) and considered the proposed suspension of a licence.

Decided: to agree to suspend the licence held by Lisa Mary Slater for its unexpired portion as she had failed to undertake training as per the licence issued to her; and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead - Legal and Licensing to reinstate this licence once proof of completion of the training course had been exhibited.

(b) Private Hire Driver Training.

The Panel heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) and considered the proposed suspension of a licence.

Decided: to agree to suspend the licence held by Robert Arnott for its unexpired portion as he had failed to undertake training as per the licence issued to him; and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead - Legal and Licensing to reinstate this licence once proof of completion of the training course had been exhibited.

(c) Taxi Vehicle Licence.

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, the Fleet Officer and the licence holder's representative in relation to the proposed suspension of the five licences held by Andy's Taxi Cabs Ltd.

Decided: not to suspend the licences held by Andy's Taxi Cabs Ltd. however, vehicles 18/00730/HCVL (plate 15) and 18/01010/HCVL (plate 43) should be tested every six months for a period of one year; and any further failures of any vehicles held by the licence holder to be reported back to the Panel.

(d) Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, the Fleet Officer and the applicant's representative in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence held by Andy's Taxi Cabs Ltd.

Decided: not to suspend this licence and to take no further action.

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 item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it 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 Driver.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 22 August 2019 (Page 3, paragraph 9) when the Panel had decided to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel once the outcome of the Court trial was known and the Panel then heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) regarding the application from Thomas Lindores.

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

The meeting ended at 10.25 a.m.