

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of a remote meeting of
26 August 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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 and that this meeting was being recorded for minuting purposes only.

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.

The applicant in relation to no. 3(b) of these minutes advised that Councillor Cavana was known to him and Councillor Cavana advised that he would, therefore, leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 23 June 2021 (issued) were submitted and approved.

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.

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

(a) **Taxi Vehicle Licence.**

- (i) The Panel considered the proposed suspension of licence numbers 18/01084/HCVL, SF65 FWL, Plate 79; and 19/00999/HCVL, SL60 PVK, Plate 52, currently held by Jacqueline Weir.

The Panel

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to continue consideration of this matter to the next meeting of this Panel to allow the applicant to attend.

- (ii) The Panel considered the additional submissions from the licence holder, heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and the Fleet Officer in relation to the proposed suspension of licence number 19/00814/HCVL, SF11 EDL, Plate 100, currently held by Samuel Prow; and heard from the licence holder in response.

The Panel

Decided: to suspend the licence currently held by Samuel Prow with immediate effect, on the grounds that the holder of the licence is not, or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence, the carrying out of the activity to which the licences relate has caused or is likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or safety, and a condition of the licence has been breached.

Having heard from the applicant, Councillor Cavana withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

- (iii) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and the Fleet Officer in relation to the proposed suspension of licence number 20/00248/HCVL, SC63 YKX, Plate 78, currently held by Ian Christie Richmond; and heard from the licence holder in response.

The Panel

Decided: not to suspend the above licence held by Ian Christie Richmond and to take no further action.

Councillor Cavana rejoined the meeting at this point.

(b) **Taxi Drivers.**

- (i) The Panel heard a representation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, James Mitchell, in response.

Decided: to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

- (ii) The Panel heard a representation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Ahmad Forooqi, in response.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application until the outcome of the upcoming court trial was known; and to grant delegated powers to the Team Leader (Licensing) to approve this application should Mr. Forooqi be found not guilty.

- (iii) The Panel heard an objection from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Robert Ross, in response.

Decided: to approve this application for one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

- (iv) The Panel heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) in relation to the application from Peter McNair.

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to continue this application to the next meeting of the Panel to allow the applicant to attend.

(c) **Private Hire Driver.**

The Panel heard from the Team Leader (Licensing) and from the applicant, Andrea Galloway in response.

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

The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.