

REGULATORY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on
29th November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Andy Campbell, Ian Cavana, Peter Convery, Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.

Apology: Councillor Ian Fitzsimmons

Attending: M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; and E. Wyllie, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant D. Dougan and Constable A. Kerr, Police Scotland.

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 the previous meeting of 1st November 2018 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Update by Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

The Civic Licensing Standards Officer advised

- (1) that the failure statistics for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles for the third quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 (1st July to 30th September) were as follows:-
 - (a) 2% failure rate for the forty Taxi Vehicles tested and one vehicle which failed; as opposed to 12% last year when 42 Taxi Vehicles were tested and 5 failed; and
 - (b) a 4% failure rate for the fifty five Private Hire Vehicles tested and two failures as opposed to 25% last year when fifty two vehicles were tested and thirteen failed;
- (2) that this significant decrease in failures was very positive;
- (3) that she was also carrying out additional inspections of taxis with colleagues from Fleet Management with seventeen vehicles inspected in August and four vehicles found to have various defects which were rectified the same day;
- (4) that further days of action had been planned commencing January 2019 when a further report would be submitted to the Panel on the outcome of these visual inspections; and
- (5) that the next training course for drivers was being held on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

A question was raised by a Member of the Panel in relation to the types of defects found during vehicle checks and the Civic Licensing Standards Officer provided this information. The Panel thanked the Civic Licensing Standards Officer for her update.

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

(a) **Taxi Drivers.**

- (i) The Panel heard a representation from Police Scotland and from the applicant's representative in response.

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

- (ii) The Panel heard a representation from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Kenneth John Rennix, in response.

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

- (iii) The Panel heard a representation from Police Scotland and from the applicant's representative in response.

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

(b) **Private Hire Vehicle.**

The Panel considered the application from Mushfiq Ahmed.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to give the applicant the opportunity to present another vehicle.

(c) **Second Hand Car Dealer.**

G & R Cars Limited and Richard Saxton for 26 Garry Place, Troon, KA10 7JD.

The Panel considered the application from the above.

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to allow further information to be sought.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.