

REGULATORY PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a special meeting held remotely on 6 January 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark,
Remotely: Ian Fitzsimmons Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell and Mary Kilpatrick.

Attending M. Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards
Remotely: Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead 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.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 26 November 2020 (Page 4, paragraph 8(a)) when the Panel had decided to suspend the Taxi Driver Licence held by Paul McDonald with immediate effect for a period of six weeks or until a hearing under paragraph 11 of the Act, whichever shall be earlier; and the Panel now heard from Police Scotland and from Mr. McDonald in response in relation to the suspension of the licence held by him.

The Panel adjourned for consideration of this matter and, on reconvening,

Decided: unanimously by calling the roll, to suspend the licence previously held by Paul McDonald with immediate effect for its unexpired duration under paragraph 11(2)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, namely that the carrying on of the licensed activity is likely to cause a threat to public safety.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.