

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Willie Hume
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Andrew Kain
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Peter Wallace

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Sheila MacFadyen, Senior Solicitor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Audrey Forrest and Mark Irvine.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Armour declared a non-financial interest in this case as the Licence Holder was a neighbour. Councillor Armour left the meeting and took no part in this hearing.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. In line with recent legislation for Civic Government Hearings, the parties (and any representatives) were given the options for participating in the meeting today. The options available were by video call, by audio call or by written submission. For this hearing the Licence Holder opted to proceed by way of written submission. It was noted that Police Scotland, having withdrawn their request for suspension of the licence, would not be present for the hearing.

At an interim hearing on 28 September 2022, the Committee agreed to the immediate interim suspension of the Taxi Driver Licence pending a full suspension hearing taking place no later than 6 weeks from the date of the interim hearing.

The Chair outlined the procedure that would be followed and as no parties were present, invited the Members to debate the case before them.

DECISION

The Committee unanimously agreed to recall the order to suspend and to reinstate the Taxi Driver Licence with immediate effect.

(Reference: Report by Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, submitted)