

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held via Confero and in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 18 December 2025

Chair:

Councillor Andy Carmichael

Councillors Present:

Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Bert Thomson (Depute), Councillor Helen Toner

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Joe Fagan (ex officio), Councillor Mark McGeever

Attending:

Finance and Corporate Resources

C Lyon, Administration Officer; E-A McGonigle, Administration Adviser; D McLardy, Legal Services' Adviser; K McLeod, Administration Assistant; L Steele, Licensing Standards and Development Officer/Assistant Registrar

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

3 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee decided: that, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraph 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Consideration of Suspension or Revocation of Private Hire Car Operator's Licence No 2589 and Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No 093

A report dated 13 November 2025 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ advising on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 38(c), in view of the timescales involved and a serious threat to public order or safety, by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to order the immediate suspension of private hire car operator's licence No 2589 and private hire car driver's licence No 093 from 13 November 2025
- ◆ proposing that consideration be given to whether private hire car operator's licence No 2589 and private hire car driver's licence No 093 be suspended or revoked

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the licence holder who was not present or represented. A complaint had been received from Police Scotland.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 38(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to suspend private hire car operator's licence No 2589 and private hire car driver's licence No 093, with effect from 13 November 2025, for a maximum period of 6 weeks, be noted; and
- (2) that private hire car operator's licence No 2589 and private hire car driver's licence No 093 be suspended with immediate effect for the remainder of the period of the licences.

5 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) – Application for Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence No 191

A report dated 14 November 2025 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the renewal of taxi driver's licence No 191 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant who was present and represented by D Gillan. An objection had been received from Police Scotland and Sergeant Hinshelwood was heard.

Following discussion, Councillor McClymont, seconded by Councillor Thomson, moved that the application be granted for a period of 1 year. Councillor McCreary, seconded by Councillor Shearer, moved as an amendment that the application be refused.

On a vote being taken using the electronic voting system, 3 members voted for the motion and 5 for the amendment which was declared carried.

The Committee decided: that the application by N Gillan, 29 Novar Street, Hamilton for the renewal of taxi driver's licence No 191 in the Hamilton zone be refused.

In terms of Standing Order No 14, the Chair adjourned the meeting after this item of business at 11.09am. The meeting reconvened at 11.15am.

6 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence No 034

A report dated 14 November 2025 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the renewal of public entertainment licence No 034 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant. An objection had been received from Police Scotland.

The Legal Services' Adviser intimated that the applicant was unable to attend today's hearing and had requested that it be continued to a future meeting to allow him to be in attendance.

The Committee decided: that the application for the renewal of public entertainment licence No 034 be continued to a future meeting of this Committee to allow the applicant the opportunity to be present.

7 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Grant of Taxi Driver's Licence

A report dated 14 November 2025 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant who was present and heard in support of his application. A representation had been received from Police Scotland and Sergeant Hinshelwood was heard.

The Committee decided: that the application by C Smith, 58 West Clyde Street, Larkhall for the grant of a taxi driver's licence in the Hamilton zone be granted.

8 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Application for Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence No 682

A report dated 14 November 2025 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an application for the renewal of private hire car driver's licence No 682 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended).

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended), the opportunity of a hearing had been offered to the applicant who was present and heard in support of his application.

A report had been received from the Council's Authorised Officer under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended) and F Carroll was heard.

The Committee decided: that the application by H Ashraf, Flat 1/1, 1094 Cathcart Road, Glasgow for the renewal of private hire car driver's licence No 682 in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be refused.

Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair extended the compliments of the season to all members and officials present.