

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Minute of virtual meeting held at 10.00am on 18 August 2020.**

**Present:**

Councillor Angela Convery (Chair)	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Betty Cunningham (Vice Chair)	Councillor Stewart Miller
Councillor Charlie Gilbert	

Councillor Convery in the Chair

**Attending:**

Jacqui McCusker, Senior Solicitor; Brian Kilpatrick, Civic Government Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

**Also Attending:**

Sergeant Lisa Millar, Police Scotland.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1326.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Chair, the committee unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the undernoted item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

**PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE – REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION**

**1327.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of 18 February 2020 (Page 1104, Item 1200 refers) when it had been agreed to defer consideration of the request to a future meeting to allow the licence holder's solicitor to make further enquiries in relation to the available evidence, the committee considered a report by the Chief Officer - Legal & Procurement, in relation to a request from the Civic Government Enforcement Officer for the suspension of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence on the grounds that the licence holder was no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence by virtue of the circumstances outlined in the report.

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The licence holder was present accompanied by his solicitor, Mr Banks.

The Civic Government Enforcement Officer was heard in respect of the request to suspend the licence and in answer to questions.

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Following discussion the committee agreed to suspend the remaining portion of the licence in terms of Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

CHAIR