

THE FIFE COUNCIL - REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Conference Rooms 2/3 (FHWGF.007/FHWGF.008), Ground Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

10 March 2026

9.30am - 3.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams (Convener), Patrick Browne, (Depute Convener) Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Gordon Pryde

ATTENDING: Tom Brown, Lead Officer, Craig Ritchie, Enforcement Officer, Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Steven Paterson, Legal Team Manager, Legal and Democratic Services, Billy Ferguson, Fleet Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor(s) Alistair Cameron, Jonny Tepp, Darren Watt

284. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Adams made a transparency statement relating to Agenda Item 13 due to media coverage. Councillor McLelland declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 as she knew the applicant.

285. MINUTE

The committee considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 10th February 2026.

Decision

The committee approved the Minutes.

286. TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

The committee considered a report on the Taxi Fare Scale Review by Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) Noted the contents of the report;
- 2) Agreed to fix the taxi fares scales (including waiting charges) by adopting the proposal outlined at Appendix 3;
- 3) Delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services together with the Convener and Depute Convener of the Regulation and Licensing Committee to determine the implementation date of the new taxi fare scales coming into effect in terms of section 18A (1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as amended; and

4) Delegated authority /powers to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the fixed taxi fare scales following section 17 (4D), (4E) and (5) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as amended.

287. POLICE REPRESENTATION - MUHAMMAD SALEEM - TAXI DRIVER - (NEW APPLICATION) - 3 YEARS

The committee considered an application for the grant of a new driver's licence for which Police comments had been made. Representations were heard from Police Scotland and the applicant.

Motion

Councillor McLelland, seconded by Councillor Lindsay, moved that the application be granted with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor MacDiarmid seconded by Councillor O'Brien, moved to refuse the licence.

Vote

For the Motion - 8 votes

For the Amendment - 3 votes

Having received the majority of votes, the Motion was carried.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

288. POLICE REPRESENTATION - CHRISTINE PATERSON- TAXI DRIVER - (NEW APPLICATION) - 1 YEAR

The committee considered an application for the grant of a new taxi drivers' licence for which Police comments had been made. Representations were heard from Police Scotland and the applicant.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the application a warning.

289. POLICE REPRESENTATION - ADALET RYUSTEM - TAXI DRIVER (RENEWAL) - 3 YEARS

The committee considered an application to renew a taxi drivers' licence for which Police comments had been made. Representations were heard from Police Scotland and the applicant.

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning and reattendance at the Taxi Drivers Training Course.

290. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - ADALET RYUSTEM - TAXI DRIVER (RENEWAL) - 3 YEARS

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 having heard from the representative in person.

There was a recess at 1158hrs to allow the committee to discuss matters relating to the application.

Decision

The committee agreed not to suspend the licence.

291. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - TWANA AMIN - TAXI OPERATORS LICENCE

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of this application to afford the applicant a further opportunity to attend.

292. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - ROBERT MORGAN - TAXI OPERATORS LICENCE

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in respect of the above-named licence and having heard from the representative from Fleet Services on the matter as well as the licenceholder and his representative, Mr. Steven Forsyth.

Decision

The committee agreed not to suspend the licence.

Councillor Kennedy joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

293. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - ADAM PARK - TAXI OPERATORS LICENCE

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and having heard from the representations from the licensing team and the licenceholder.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of this application to afford the applicant a further opportunity to attend as he had not received all relevant paperwork relating to the hearing.

294. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - ANTONY BARBER - TAXI DRIVERS LICENCE

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of the schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 having heard from the Police representative.

Motion

Councillor Adams seconded by Councillor Ballantyne Wardlaw moved that the licence be suspended.

Amendment

Councillor MacDiarmid seconded by Councillor Lothian moved that the licence not be suspended.

Vote

For the Motion - 6 votes

For the Amendment - 5 votes

Having received a majority of votes the Motion was accordingly carried.

Decision

The committee agreed to suspend the licence on the basis that the licenceholder was no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

295. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION - JAMES GLEN - TAXI OPERATORS LICENCE

The committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of this hearing to allow the applicant to be legally represented and be provided with documentation being relied upon for the hearing.

296. SYNOPSIS OF MEETING WITH TAXI TRADE - 3RD FEBRUARY 2026

The committee heard and considered a Synopsis of a meeting held with the Taxi Trade on 3rd February 2026.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.