

MINUTE
of
SPECIAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock, on 22 July 2025.

Present:

Councillor Paul Edlin
Councillor Andrew Morrison

Councillor Kate Campbell

(*) indicates remote attendance

Attending:

Nicola McEleny, Senior Solicitor; Lesleyann Burns, Democratic Services Officer and Bethany Mitchell, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Also Attending:

Inspector Brian Eaglesham, Police Scotland, Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, Police Scotland and Police Constable Gary Taylor, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Provost Mary Montague and Councillor David Macdonald.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1269. 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 remaining items of business on the grounds that they 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 DRIVER'S LICENCE – REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

1270. The committee considered a report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) in relation to a request for immediate suspension of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Agenda Item 3 refers).

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The applicant was not present. A vote took place where Members unanimously agreed to progress in applicant's absence.

Sergeant Belinda Rafferty, Inspector Brian Eaglesham and Police Constable Gary Taylor, representing the Chief Constable, who had made an objection to the application, were also present.

Sergeant Rafferty was heard in respect of the representation submitted by the Chief Constable.

It was reported that the Chief Constable had complained that in terms of Paragraph 11(2)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Act, the licence holder was no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence, and he requested immediate suspension of the licence in terms of Paragraph 12(1) of the Schedule, that carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates was likely to cause a serious threat to public order or public safety.

The report explained that in determining the application it would be for the committee to decide what weight it wished to attach to the request by the Chief Constable and its relevance to the types of licence held.

The Committee agreed to suspend the licence in terms of Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

CHAIR