

THE FIFE COUNCIL – REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - GLENROTHES

12 August 2025

9.45 a.m. – 12.35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams (Convener), Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Patrick Browne, Alistair Cameron, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Nicola Patrick, Gordon Pryde and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Steven Paterson, Legal Team Manager, Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Helena Couperwhite, Service Manager, Committee Services, Craig Ritchie, Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services; and Sergeant Neil Ewing, Police Scotland (Fife Division).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gavin Ellis, Margaret Kennedy, John O'Brien and Jonny Tepp.

214. MINUTE

The committee considered the minutes of meetings of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 3 June and 23 July 2025.

Decision

The committee approved the minutes subject to minor changes.

215. TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW 2025

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services seeking authority to commence the 2025 review of the fixing of scales for the fares and other charges in connection with the hire or with the arrangements for the hire of a taxi, in terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the legal requirements on licensing authorities in respect of the fixing of scales for the fares and other charges in connection with the hire or with the arrangements for the hire of a taxi, in terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982;
- (2) noted the process of reviewing the fares and other charges in connection with the hire or with the arrangements for the hire of a taxi; and
- (3) agreed to commence the process of reviewing the fares and other charges in connection with the hire or with the arrangements for the hire of a taxi, through a working group of the committee in consultation with taxi operators.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982**216. APPEAL TO SHERIFF – TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER, TAXI OPERATION AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE**

The committee were advised that the following appeal had been lodged with the Sheriff:-

- (i) Sadeq Alsafar against the decisions of 3 June 2025 to refuse his application for renewal of his taxi operator's licence and to suspend his taxi/private hire car driver's licence.

Decision

The committee noted that an appeal had been lodged.

217. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and period of licence applied for</u>
(a)	Matthew John (In attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence.

(b)	Stephen Kerr (In attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(c)	Moses Nwosu (In attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(d)	Ali Raza (In attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

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| (e) | Kyle Taylor (Not in attendance) | Taxi Driver
(new application)
1 year |
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Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the applicant an opportunity to appear.

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| (f) | Trevor Torrance (In attendance) | Taxi Driver
(new application)
1 year |
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Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

218. OPPOSED APPLICATION

The committee considered an application for licence by the undernoted in respect of which police objections had been intimated and dealt with the applications as shown:-

- | | <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Activity and period of licence applied for</u> |
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| (a) | Bea Burgyan (Not in attendance) | Taxi Driver
(new application)
1 year |

Decision

The committee agreed to refuse the licence on the basis that the applicant, Bea Burgyan, was not considered a fit and proper person due to information received from Police Scotland.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The committee resolved, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

219. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE

The committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

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	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and period of licence applied for</u>
(a)	Michael Berturelli (Not in attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

Decision

The committee agreed to refuse the licence on the basis that the applicant, Michael Berturelli, was not considered a fit and proper person due to information received from Police Scotland.

(b)	Angela Lackie (In attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(c)	David Martin	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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The committee were advised that the application had been dealt with under delegated powers following the withdrawal of the representation from the police.

(d)	Parvinder Singh (Not in attendance)	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the applicant an opportunity to appear.

220. **OPPOSED APPLICATION**

The committee considered an application for licence by the undernoted in respect of which a police objection had been intimated and dealt with the applications as shown:-

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and period of licence applied for</u>
(a)	Kenneth Crawford (In attendance)	Vehicle Operator (renewal) 1 year

Decision

The committee agreed to refuse the licence as the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person due to information received from Police Scotland.