

Regulation and Licensing Committee

Conference Rooms 2/3, Ground Floor, Fife House, North Street,
Glenrothes



Tuesday 9 September 2025 – 9.30am

AGENDA

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1. **APOLOGIES**
 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – In terms of Section 5 of the Code of Conduct, members of the Committee are asked to declare any interest in particular items on the agenda and the nature of the interest(s) at this stage.
 3. **MINUTE** – Minute of the meeting of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 12 August 2025. 3 - 7
- CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
4. **TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW 2025** – Report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. To Follow
 5. **TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR INSPECTION TESTS – KIRKCALDY ZONE** - Report by Service Manager, Fleet Operations on annual inspection tests carried out on vehicles in the Kirkcaldy Zone in July to August, 2025. 8 - 15
 6. **POLICE REPRESENTATION - IAN OVENDEN - TAXI DRIVER (NEW APPLICATION) - 1 YEAR**

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police comments have been made.
 7. **POLICE REPRESENTATION - KYLE TAYLOR - TAXI DRIVER (NEW APPLICATION) - 1 YEAR**

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police comments have been made.

Consideration of this application is continued from the meeting held on 12th August 2025.
 8. **OPPOSED APPLICATION - NAIM HASAN - TAXI DRIVER (RENEWAL) - 3 YEARS**

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police objections have been made.

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The Committee is asked to resolve, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, 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 Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

9. POLICE REPRESENTATION - GREG MCCOLL - TAXI DRIVER (RENEWAL) - 1 YEAR

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police comments have been made.

10. POLICE REPRESENTATION - PARVINDER SINGH - TAXI DRIVER (NEW APPLICATION) - 3 YEARS

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police comments have been made.

Consideration of this application is continued from the meeting held on 12th August 2025.

11. OPPOSED APPLICATION - ANDREI BRASTAS - TAXI DRIVER (NEW APPLICATION) - 1 YEAR

Consideration of application for licence in respect of which police objections have been made.

N.B. The applicants and those making representation in relation to agenda items 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.

The applicants and objectors in relation to agenda items 8 and 11 have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.

Members are reminded that should they have queries on the detail of a report they should, where possible, contact the report authors in advance of the meeting to seek clarification.
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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.

9 September 2025
Agenda Item No. 5

Annual Taxi/Private Hire Car Inspection Report for July & August 2025 - Kirkcaldy Zone

Report by: Billy Ferguson, Service Manager, Fleet Operations

Wards Affected: 10, 11, 12 & 13

Purpose:

To advise the Committee of the outcome of the Annual Taxi and Private Hire Car Inspection Tests for the Kirkcaldy Zone.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee takes any steps it deems appropriate.

Resource Implication:

Arrangements may have to be made for attendance at open days.

Legal & Risk Implications:

None

Policy & Impact Assessment:

None

Consultation:

None

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report gives details of the results of the inspections carried out on vehicles operating in Kirkcaldy Zone in July & August 2025.
- 1.2 Of the 115 vehicles licensed in Kirkcaldy, 113 passed first time, which equates to 98%, 2 failed and passed on re-test equating to 2%. The percentage pass rate in 2024 was 97%.
- 1.3 Summaries of the results and failures are attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 The Committee, may deem it appropriate to:
- subject those vehicles failing the test to a random test;
 - invite those operators whose vehicles failed the test to a meeting with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee to discuss their maintenance procedures;
 - request that those operators failing the test attend an open day at Fleet Operations; or
- consider whether or not to hold Hearings under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which relates to suspension of the licences

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The first-time pass rate has increased from 2024. The Operators should be congratulated for their first-class efforts in continuing to maintain their cars to a very high standard.

List of Appendices

Hackney Carriage Test Reports for 115 vehicles.

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**FIFE COUNCIL
FLEET OPERATIONS
ANNUAL TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE CAR INSPECTION
FOR THE KIRKCALDY SECTOR**

APPENDIX 1

Name	Pl. No.	Date of Reg.	Make	Model	Date of Test	Result
AHMAD, Dawood	T054	09/03/2018	SKODA	OCTAVIA	07/08/2025	PASS
ALLAN, William	T050	31/12/2019	DACIA	LOGAN	12/08/2025	PASS
ALLISON, John	P018	26/01/2022	VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	18/07/2025	PASS
BALFOUR, Ian	T006	09/12/2016	VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	20/08/2025	PASS
	T007	18/07/2019	FORD	MONDEO	22/08/2025	PASS
BRAID, William	T053	14/03/2022	DACIA	JOGGER	21/08/2025	PASS
CAMERON, Stephen	T041	13/12/2022	SKODA	OCTAVIA	06/08/2025	PASS
CATHIE, David	T066	30/04/2018	DACIA	LOGAN	09/08/2025	PASS
CHRISTENSEN, Peter	T020	31/12/2020	MG	ZS EXCLUSIVE	06/08/2025	PASS
CROSSAN, Alexander	P057	26/09/2020	MERCEDES-BENZ	E 220	22/08/2025	PASS
	T045	29/03/2018	MERCEDES	C220 SPORT D AUTO	26/08/2025	PASS
CUMMINGS, Fred	T018	21/06/2019	BMW	520D	20/08/2025	PASS
CUMMINGS, Margaret	T038	31/05/2017	MERCEDES	C220D	19/08/2025	PASS
DEAS, Graeme	T009	06/03/2023	SKODA	OCTAVIA	27/08/2025	PASS
DICKSON, Ryan	T016	31/03/2017	FORD	MONDEO	13/08/2025	PASS
DOJA, Radu-Silviu	P036	16/11/2017	FORD	MONDEO	13/08/2025	PASS
DRUMMOND, Andrew	T063	28/03/2018	SEAT	TOLEDO	07/08/2025	PASS
DUNCAN, Ian	T022	12/06/2019	SEAT	LEON	15/08/2025	PASS
	T027	13/09/2023	SKODA	SCALA	27/08/2025	PASS
	P024	31/10/2024	SKODA	OCTAVIA	06/07/2025	PASS
RAITH TAXIS LIMITED,	T065	06/04/2021	SKODA	OCTAVIA	09/07/2025	PASS

CHANDLER, Chris	T046	27/06/2023 SKODA	SCALA	05/08/2025	PASS
ELLIS, Fiona	T013	27/06/2023 SKODA	SCALA	06/08/2025	PASS
ELLIS, Gordon	T011	31/01/2020 SKODA	SCALA	05/08/2025	PASS
	T052	23/08/2019 DACIA	LOGAN	07/08/2025	PASS
	T056	14/04/2021 SKODA	OCTAVIA	08/08/2025	PASS
PICKARD, Neil	P066	11/05/2018 DACIA	LOGAN	05/08/2025	PASS
FORRESTER, Robert	T029	06/10/2018 SKODA	OCTAVIA	20/08/2025	PASS
	T030	23/09/2019 VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA	05/08/2025	PASS
GERRARD, Ralph	P087	31/10/2023 VAUXHALL	VIVARO	15/08/2025	PASS
GOODSIR, Gordon	T008	09/04/2019 SKODA	OCTAVIA	19/08/2025	PASS
HAMILTON, Ross	T023	14/02/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	19/08/2025	PASS
HOPGOOD, Kevin	P002	20/04/2018 VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY MAXI	12/08/2025	PASS
	T004	17/11/2015 VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY MAXI	27/08/2025	PASS
	T014	31/07/2020 SEAT	ALHAMBRA	08/08/2025	PASS
	T047	19/05/2017 SKODA	OCTAVIA	12/08/2025	PASS
	T062	30/03/2019 DACIA	LOGAN	29/07/2025	PASS
HUNTER, Dawn	T031	02/09/2021 SEAT	LEON	14/08/2025	PASS
HUTCHISON, John	T043	25/03/2020 FORD	FOCUS	13/08/2025	PASS
JOHAL, Gurvinder	P005	28/07/2017 SKODA	OCTAVIA	06/08/2025	PASS
	P035	28/11/2019 SKODA	OCTAVIA	13/08/2025	PASS
	T036	06/02/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	14/08/2025	PASS
	T037	24/08/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	08/08/2025	PASS
	T060	03/07/2020 SEAT	LEON	21/08/2025	PASS
PEDEN, Dale	P019	27/03/2020 DACIA	LOGAN	26/08/2025	PASS
SINGH, Parminder	T033	18/02/2019 SKODA	OCTAVIA	20/08/2025	PASS
SINGH, Surinder	T067	09/03/2021 VOLKSWAGEN	TOURAN	19/08/2025	PASS
KIRKCALDY CABS LIMITED	P025	30/05/2025 FORD	TOURNEO	21/07/2025	PASS
	P003	25/05/2021 SKODA	OCTAVIA	15/07/2025	PASS
	P004	01/03/2025 FORD	TOURNEO	22/07/2025	PASS
	P008	11/03/2020 FORD	TOURNEO	16/07/2025	PASS

	P013	01/09/2020 FORD	TOURNEO	15/07/2025	PASS
	P103	06/05/2022 FORD	INDEPENDENCE	25/07/2025	PASS
	T012	30/03/2023 TOYOTA	COROLLA	15/07/2025	PASS
	T015	31/03/2023 TOYOTA	COROLLA	22/07/2025	PASS
	T021	27/09/2017 HYUNDAI	I40	22/07/2025	PASS
	T035	27/03/2019 VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY MAXI	16/07/2025	PASS
	T048	31/03/2023 TOYOTA	COROLLA	16/07/2025	PASS
	T059	20/07/2023 TOYOTA	COROLLA	17/07/2025	PASS
	T061	04/01/2024 TOYOTA	COROLLA	17/07/2025	PASS
	T068	20/12/2019 VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY MAXI	22/07/2025	PASS
	T070	24/09/2021 TOYOTA	COROLLA	25/07/2025	PASS
	T024	07/09/2018 HYUNDAI	I40	17/07/2025	PASS
KRUMP, Ronald	T025	22/07/2020 TOYOTA	COROLLA	20/08/2025	PASS
MACKAY, Alexander	P001	31/03/2018 MERCEDES	VITO	06/08/2025	PASS
	P007	12/01/2024 MERCEDES	VITO	06/08/2025	PASS
MAHADY, Lee	P038	31/07/2019 FORD	TOURNEO	22/08/2025	PASS
	P044	09/08/2022 SKODA	OCTAVIA	22/08/2025	PASS
MATTHEWSON, George	T064	31/12/2023 SKODA	SUPERB	08/07/2025	PASS
MCCALLUM, David	T058	30/09/2023 SKODA	SUPERB	26/08/2025	PASS
PEARSON, Robert	T040	31/12/2019 DACIA	LOGAN	21/08/2025	PASS
MCCRABBE, Andrew	T051	30/04/2021 SKODA	OCTAVIA	22/08/2025	PASS
MCMILLAN, Ian	T024	19/12/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	19/08/2025	PASS
O'CONNOR, Andrew	T010	22/12/2023 VW	CADDY MAXI	06/08/2025	PASS
OGDEN, Richard	P010	10/05/2018 FORD	TOURNEO	12/08/2025	PASS
PEARSON, Graham	P016	31/07/2020 TOYOTA	PRIUS	26/08/2025	PASS
	T028	21/09/2018 SKODA	OCTAVIA	14/08/2025	PASS
PORTER, Alan	T032	25/11/2021 SKODA	OCTAVIA	19/08/2025	PASS
	P069	26/05/2021 SKODA	OCTAVIA	19/08/2025	PASS

PORTER, Alan Robert	T019	07/09/2021 SKODA	SUPERB	15/08/2025	PASS
PSYL, Stephen	P011	15/04/2019 SKODA	OCTAVIA	22/08/2025	PASS
	P021	01/04/2015 FORD	TOURNEO	05/08/2025	PASS
	P033	05/12/2023 SKODA	OCTAVIA	21/08/2025	PASS
	P070	10/03/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	12/08/2025	PASS
RIZWANULLAH, Ibadullah	T044	31/05/2017 SKODA	OCTAVIA	14/08/2025	PASS
RODGER, Brian	T034	01/09/2023 SKODA	OCTAVIA	15/08/2025	PASS
SKINNER, Helen Louise	T069	06/03/2020 VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY MAXI	08/08/2025	PASS
SMART, Colin	T017	23/09/2021 NISSAN	LEAF	13/08/2025	PASS
STEELE, Derek	T005	02/09/2021 SKODA	SUPERB	21/08/2025	PASS
	P027	20/07/2021 MERCEDES	VITO	17/08/2025	PASS
STEELE, Robert	T001	30/12/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	12/08/2025	PASS
TARKOCIN, Mehmet	P015	30/09/2023 MG	ZS TROPHY CONNECT EV	12/08/2025	PASS
TAXI CENTRAL LTD	P022	27/07/2020 SKODA	OCTAVIA	15/07/2025	PASS
	P047	24/02/2023 SKODA	SCALA	22/07/2025	PASS
	P043	07/06/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	18/07/2025	PASS
	P014	16/02/2023 SKODA	SCALA	16/07/2025	PASS
	P023	04/06/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	18/07/2025	PASS
	P041	10/06/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	22/07/2025	PASS
	P048	16/02/2023 SKODA	SCALA	15/07/2025	PASS
	P065	16/02/2023 SKODA	SCALA	17/07/2025	PASS
	P068	02/09/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	17/07/2025	PASS
	P074	04/09/2024 SKODA	OCTAVIA	15/07/2025	PASS
	P075	16/11/2023 SKODA	SCALA	16/07/2025	PASS
	P077	30/07/2021 FORD	TOURNEO	17/07/2025	PASS
	P094	29/09/2022 MG	5 EXCITE	16/07/2025	PASS
	P096	10/06/2021 MERCEDES	C300	18/07/2025	PASS
WILLIAMSON, Andrew	T002	31/08/2019 DACIA	LOGAN	26/08/2025	PASS
WYLIE, Arthur	T026	19/11/2019 VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	21/08/2025	PASS

YOUNGER, Harry	P029	30/10/2020 CITROEN	BERLINGO	05/08/2025	PASS
	P071	25/06/2018 CITROEN	BERLINGO	20/08/2025	FAIL
	T039	21/03/2019 KIA	OPTIMA	22/08/2025	PASS
	T042	16/07/2018 KIA	OPTIMA	14/08/2025	PASS
	T049	29/11/2019 KIA	OPTIMA	08/08/2025	PASS
	T057	23/06/2017 KIA	OPTIMA	12/08/2025	FAIL

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FAULTS FOR THE KIRKCALDY SECTOR**

Name	Date of Reg	Plate No.	Faults
YOUNGER, Harry	25/06/2018	P071	<p>Mileage at Fail - 102438 Mileage at Re-test - 102508 1. N/S/F inner arch trim insecure 2. N/S track-rod insecure 3. N/S headlight inoperable Advisory: Dampness at N/S of engine O/S outer cv boot insecure Exterior not clean when presented PLATES REMOVED</p>
YOUNGER, Harry	23/06/2017	T057	<p>Mileage at Fail - 198584 Mileage at Re-test - 198594 1. N/S/R tyre has cut to cord 2. N/S/F track rod end split pin missing 3. Roof light not working PLATES REMOVED</p>