

### Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB (Tel.01259-450000)

# **Regulatory Committee**

Thursday 23 September 2021 at 9.30 am

Via Video Conference (MS Teams)

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#### **Regulatory Committee**

The Regulatory Committee, subject to the Council's approved policies, has responsibility for:

- 1. Determining applications for the grant or renewal of any licences to be issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, including the imposition of conditions on any licence granted.
- 2. Determining whether to suspend or alter any licence issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 3. Determining whether to recall a suspension made pursuant to the terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 4. Setting, approving and reviewing any policies in respect of the operation of the licensing regime under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 5. Discharging the Council's statutory licensing function in respect of all legislation that imposes the duty on the Council as the appropriate authority to determine applications or to grant regulatory consents in respect of any licensable activities prescribed by statute.
- 6. Holding hearings and determining HMO Licence applications in terms of Schedule 4 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.
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### 15 September 2021

# A MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE will be held via MS Teams, on THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 9.30 AM.



### Legal Team Leader

### p.p. RICHARD THOMSON Solicitor, Clerk to the Regulatory Committee

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### **Regulatory Committee – Committee Members (Membership 8 – Quorum 4)**

### Councillors

#### Wards

Councillor	Graham Lindsay (Convenor)	5	Clackmannanshire East	SNP
Councillor	Donald Balsillie (Vice Convenor)	2	Clackmannanshire North	SNP
Councillor	Les Sharp	1	Clackmannanshire West	SNP
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Councillor	Darren Lee	1	Clackmannanshire West	CONS
Councillor	Chris Dixon	4	Clackmannanshire South	IND
Councillor	Kenneth Earle	4	Clackmannanshire South	LAB
Councillor	Kathleen Martin	5	Clackmannanshire East	LAB



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#### MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held via MS TEAMS on THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021 at 1.00 PM

#### PRESENT

Councillor Donald Balsillie (Vice Convenor) (Chair) Councillor Martha Benny **Councillor Chris Dixon Councillor Kenneth Earle** Councillor Darren Lee Councillor Kathleen Martin Councillor Les Sharp

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

June Andison, Licensing Administrator Lindsay Thomson, Senior Manager, Partnership and Performance (Clerk to the Committee) Gillian White, Committee Services, Partnership and Performance

#### RC(21)09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Lindsay (Convenor). In the absence of the Convenor, Vice Convenor Councillor Donald Balsillie took the Chair.

#### RC(21)10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### RC(21)11 MINUTES OF MEETING: REGULATORY COMMITTEE -25 MARCH 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Thursday 25 March 2021 were submitted for approval.

#### Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Thursday 25 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Convenor.

#### **APPLICATION TO GRANT TAXI DRIVER LICENCE** RC(21)12

The Licensing Authority had received an application for grant of a taxi driver's licence from Mr Steven Baird. A representation had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO). No objections were received from Police Scotland. The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence the subject to conditions or to refuse the application.

#### Attending

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standard Officer (CLSO) Mr Steven Baird, Applicant

The Committee heard representation from the CLSO and the Applicant. The Committee had the opportunity to put questions to all parties.

Following questions, the Committee agreed to adjourn at this point in the proceedings (13:30 hrs) to take legal advice. When the Committee resumed at 14:00 hrs, 7 members remained present.

#### Motion

Having considered all the information set out in the report and the representations made, and having had the opportunity to put questions to both parties, that the Committee refuse the application to grant a taxi driver's Licence as the applicant is not a fit and proper person.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

#### Decision

Having considered all of the information provided and the representations made, and having had the opportunity to put questions to all parties, the Committee agreed unanimously to refuse the application to grant a taxi driver's licence as the applicants is not a fit and proper person.

#### Action

Clerk to the Committee

#### RC(21)13 LICENSING OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS – MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

The report, submitted by the CLSO, sought a decision on extending the dis-application of standard condition 3 relating to medical certification. The Emergency Decision Making Forum agreed the dis-application on 3 April 2020 for a period of six months. At two separate meetings of the Regulatory Committee it was agreed to further extend the dis-application of standard Condition No 3, until March 2021 and then until 27 May, 2021.

Councillor Sharp asked that "April set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report should be "April 2020".

#### Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed:

- 1. to dis-apply standard condition 3 for applicants for taxi and private hire driver applications until 30 August 2021; and
- 2. to require all applicants who would have been subject to condition 3 during this period of time between 4 April 2020 and 30 August 2021 to submit a medical certificate certifying fitness to drive to the Council by 31 October 2021.

Action CLSO

Ends 14:20 hrs



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## **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

### **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982**

### **MEETING 23 September at 09:30hrs** Via MS Teams

Applicant	Application Type	Comments
David Lee	Renewal Taxi Driver's Licence	<ul> <li>Application, LSO representation. (copies attached).No objections received from Police Scotland</li> <li>The Regulatory Committee are therefore asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to:-</li> <li>1. Grant the licence subject to conditions or</li> <li>2. to refuse the application</li> </ul>
John Stein Gold McDonald	Grant Taxi Driver's Licence	<ul> <li>Application, LSO and Police Scotland representations (copies attached).</li> <li>The Regulatory Committee are therefore asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to:-</li> <li>1 Grant the licence subject to conditions or</li> <li>2 to refuse the application</li> </ul>

Eamon Sweeney	Private Hire Operator and Other Matters	<ul> <li>Applications, LSO representation. (copies attached).</li> <li>No objections received from Police Scotland</li> <li>The Regulatory Committee are therefore asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to:-</li> <li>1 Grant the licence subject to conditions or</li> <li>2 to refuse the application</li> </ul>
Stephen Honeyman	Grant Taxi Driver's Licence	<ul> <li>Application, LSO and Police Scotland representations (copies attached).</li> <li>The Regulatory Committee are therefore asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to:-</li> <li>1 Grant the licence subject to conditions or</li> <li>2 to refuse the application</li> </ul>

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THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 4a

### **ON THE AGENDA**

Partnership & Performance Services

### Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence or a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

### Each question must be answered

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Surname	LEE	First Name	DAVID
Home Address (Including Postcode)			
Telephone Number			
Age	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Type of licence appliec (Please tick only 1)	for? Taxi Driver or	Private Hire Car I	Driver
If previously licensed, most recent identifica	state date and number shown on tion badge	T1090	
If previously refused a	licence give type and date		
Whether for grant or ( (Please tick only 1)	renewal?	Grant	Renewal
Which licence are you (Please tick only 1)	applying for?	1 year	3 years
months prior to the d	any continuous period of twelve ate of this application a full driver's the Road Traffic Act 1988?	Yes 🗸	No
How long have you b	een driving motor vehicles?	24 VEA	rs
Do you intend to wor occupation?	k as a driver as a full time	Yes	No
If no give further part	iculars		
Name and address of you will drive.	the operator whose vehicle	RICHARD	JOHN LEE
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Are you subject to a fitness as a driver?	ny disability likely to affect your	Yes	No 1	
If yes, state nature				
Do you suffer from a you to notify the DVI	ny medical conditions that require _A?	Yes	No V	
Do you have the righ	t to work In the UK?	Yes 🗸	No 🗌	
You will need to provide original documents as listed in the Guidance Notes for Applicants Right to Work in the UK				
prevent the Council of this type of licence un convictions. You sho penalties. This may a convictions. Please n	Offenders Act 1974 does not considering "spent" convictions fo nless they are protected uld include any driving offences o lso include any overseas ote it is an offence if you fail to If you have none please state nor	pr 🗌	No	
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### I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Date 23	

Please return the completed form together with the relevant fee to:

### The Licensing Administrator

Clackmannashire Council Kilncraigs Alloa FK10 1EB

If you require any further information please contact the Licensing Administrator on tel: **01259 452093** or email **licensing@clacks.gov.uk** 

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#### Memo

To: Stuart Crickmar Strategic Director Kilncraigs Alloa FK10 1EB From: Paul Fair, Licensing Standards Officer Extension: 01259 452091 Email: pfair@clacks.gov.uk Our Ref: PF/CLSO Your Ref: 21/00305/TD1 Date: 1 September, 2021

#### Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Application for the renewal of Taxi Drivers Licence David Lee,

- 1. In terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 3 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 (the Act) I wish to make a representation in relation to the renewal of a taxi drivers licence to David Lee
- 2. This representation asks that the Regulatory Committee consider the information contained in paragraphs 3-10, before coming to a decision as to whether or not David Lee (the applicant) is a fit and proper person to be hold a Taxi Drivers Licence.
- 3. The applicant has declared a single road traffic conviction on his renewal application.
- 4. The conviction relates of an offence driving without due care and attention causing a serious injury road accident.
- 5. The circumstances are that at 11.20am on 22 September 2020, the accused whilst driving a taxi collided with a cyclist in Alloa town centre. The cyclist suffered from serious injuries.
- 6. The accident occurred at very low speed, and appears to have occurred as a result of a momentary lapse in concentration.
- 7. The cyclist suffered a fractured wrist, which is categorised as a "serious" injury for the purposes of statistical recording.
- 8. There was a fare paying passenger in the taxi at the time. The passenger was not injured.
- 9. The applicant pled guilty to the offence and was fined £100 and had 3 points place on his driving licence
- 10. The applicant has no other convictions.

- 11. The applicant fully complied with the conditions of his taxi drivers licence at and made all of the required notifications to the licensing authority in relation to the incident and subsequent conviction..
- 12. Due to the nature and circumstances of the accident and conviction, the relatively recent occurrence and the relevancy to the type of licence applied for, this application should not be granted under delegated powers, and should be determined by the Regulatory Committee.
- 13. The regulatory committee are asked to consider this representation along with any other information presented to them and determine whether or not the applicant is a fit an proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence

### Paul Fair

Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

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### Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence or a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

#### Each question must be answered

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Home Address (Including Postcode)	
Telephone Number	
Age Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Type of licence applied for? Taxi Driver or (Please tick only 1)	Private Hire Car Driver
If previously licensed, state date and number shown on most recent identification badge	7501
If previously refused a licence give type and date	
Whether for grant or renewal? (Please tick only 1)	Grant 📝 Renewal 🗌
Which licence are you applying for? (Please tick only 1)	1 year 3 years
Have you held during any continuous period of twelve months prior to the date of this application a full driver's licence issued under the Road Traffic Act 1988?	Yes No 🗸
How long have you been driving motor vehicles?	44 YEARS.
Do you intend to work as a driver as a full time occupation?	Yes 🗌 No 📝
If no give further particulars	FOW SMIFTS AWEEK
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Name and address of the operator whose vehicle you will drive.	BUCHAN TOWN CARS
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Are you subject to any disability likely to affect your fitness as a driver?	Yes 🗌	No I	
If yes, state nature			
Do you suffer from any medical conditions that require you to notify the DVLA?	Yes 🔄	No	
Do you have the right to work in the UK? Yes No			
You will need to provide original documents as listed in the Guidance Notes for			

Applicants Right to Work in the UK

Do you have any conviction contraventions of Byelaws, Environmental Health/Foo		Yes 🛄	No 🔲			
If yes, give particulars below	If yes, give particulars below					
Date	Court	Offence	Sentence			
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I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature of applicant					
Date	23.	6.	21	•	

Please return the completed form together with the relevant fee to:

The Licensing Administrator Clackmannanshire Council Kilncraigs Alloa FK10 1EB	If you require any further information please contact the Licensing Administrator on tel: <b>01259 452093</b> or email <b>licensing@clacks.gov.uk</b>
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#### Memo

To: Lindsay Thomson Senior Manager Legal and Governance Kilncraigs Alloa FK10 1EB From: Paul Fair, Licensing Standards Officer
Extension: 01259 452091
Email: pfair@clacks.gov.uk
Our Ref: PF/CLSO
Your Ref: 21/00225/TD1
Date: 1 August, 2021

#### Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Application for Taxi Drivers Licence John Stien Gold McDonald

- In terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 3 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 (the Act) I wish to make a representation in relation to the grant of a Taxi Drivers licence to John Stein Gold McDonald
- 2. This representation asks that the Regulatory Committee consider the information contained in paragraphs 3-10, before coming to a decision as to whether or not John McDonald (the applicant) is a fit and proper person to be hold a Taxi Drivers Licence.
- 3. The applicant has declared a single road traffic conviction on his application.
- 4. The conviction relates of an offence of failing to stop at the scene of an injury road accident and failing to subsequently report this road accident to the Police.
- 5. The circumstances are that the accused whilst driving a taxi collided with a pedestrian in Alloa town centre and ultimately drove off without stopping.
- 6. He failed to comply with the requirements of the road traffic legislation by not stopping at the scene and furnishing his particulars to any injured party and not subsequently reporting the matter to the Police.
- 7. The applicant pled guilty to the offences.
- 8. Shortly after the incident Mr McDonald surrendered his taxi drivers licence, in a letter claiming to have "retired"
- 9. Due to the nature and circumstances of the matter surrounding his conviction, the relatively recent occurrence and the relevancy to the type of licence applied for, this application should not be granted under delegated powers, and should be determined by the Regulatory Committee.
- 10. The regulatory committee are asked to consider this representation along with the other information presented to them and determine whether or not the applicant is a fit an proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence

## Paul Fair

Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

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#### **Partnership & Performance**



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**Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982** Individual Application Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Licence or Private Hire Car Licence

#### THIS PAPER RELATES TO Each question must be answered ITEM 4c ON THE AGENDA F Surname **Full Name** SWEENEY EAMON Home Address (Including Postcode) **Telephone Number** Place of Birth Date of Birth Years Age, Date & Place of Birth Grant/Renewal Type of licence applied for? Taxi or Private Hire Car Yes/No Has the vehicle been previously licensed as a taxi or hire car? P+11 Please state Plate Number Held PRIVATE HIRE State type of last licence, to whom licensed and date of licence. Aamons Cars-S Trading Name of Company If applicant does not propose to operate the vehicle himself, state: Full name: Full address of the person or persons who will manage the operation of the vehicle. Date of First cc. Rating **Registration Number** Registration 1.6 09-03-2016 Estate or Saloon Model Make PAID 5008 M.P.V 16 JUL 2021 PEJGOT A CTIVE HPI

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Address of premises whe	ere vehicle is		
During what hours and o will the vehicle be availa	on what days ble for hire	24 H	POSSIBLE

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not prevent the Council considering "spent" convictions for this type of licence unless they are protected convictions. You should include any driving offences or penalties. This may also include any overseas convictions. Please note that it is an offence if you fail to disclose convictions. If you have none, please state "none" in the box below.

Date	Court	Offence	Sentence
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I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature of applicant .: Please return the completed form together with the relevant fee to:

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## **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982** Individual Application Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Licence or Private Hire Car Licence

#### Each question must be answered

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Full Name	Swi	EENEY	EF	Non	
Home Address (Including Postcode)					
Telephone Number					
Age, Date & Place of Birth	Years	Date o	of Birth	Place of Birth	
Type of licence applied for	or?		Hax	2	
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Has the vehicle been previously licensed as a taxi or hire car?	Yes/No
If so, state type of last licence, to whom licensed and date of licence.	
Address of premises where vehicle is to be kept	
During what hours and on what days will the vehicle be available for hire	0700 - 2300 Hus 7 04/5

Please state particulars of any convictions or pending cases, including contraventions of Byelaws, Road Traffic Offences and Environmental Health/Food Hygiene Offences? YES/NO. If so, give particulars below. (If none please state "NONE")

Date	Court	Offence	Sentence
17-10-2019	ALLON	5830	3 Points Plus É 100.00 Fine
16-11-2016	CHESHIRE	5950	3 Points PLUS ZIDO-00 Fine

I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature of applicant .....

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From:	Paul Fair, Licensing Standards Officer
Extension:	01259 452091
Email:	pfair@clacks.gov.uk
Our Ref:	PF/CLSO/T1655/PH1/PH21
Your Ref:	19/00797/TD3
Date:	26 August 2021

#### Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Application for the Renewal of Private Hire Car Licence PH1 and Other Matters including the grant of a new Private Hire Car Operators Licence. Eamon Sweeney

- 1. In terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 3 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 (the Act) I wish to make a representation in relation to the renewal of private Hire car licence PH1 currently held by Eamon Sweeney and the grant of a new private hire car operators licence.
- 2. This representation asks that the Regulatory Committee consider the information contained in paragraphs 3-44, before coming to a decision as to whether or not to renew and grant the licences applied for.
- 3. The representation further asks that the Regulatory Committee consider the position of the other 3 licences held by Mr Sweeney (T1655, PH21 and T4).
- 4. The representation centres around the declaration of a speeding conviction from 2016, on the application to renew the operators licence, lodged by Mr Sweeney, in relation to Private Hire Car PH1.
- 5. Mr Sweeney has confirmed that he is the only person that has ever completed and signed any application in his name.
- 6. Mr Sweeney currently holds 3 licences issued to him, and is the joint holder of a 4<sup>th</sup> licence with another taxi operator where he is named as the day to day manager.
- 7. The full details of the licences held by Mr Sweeney are listed in appendix A, and will be referred to in this document as T1655, PH1, PH21 and T4.
- 8. **Taxi Driver Licence No. T1655** : Sometime prior to 2019 Mr Sweeney was granted Taxi Driver licence No T1655, records relating to his original application have been destroyed.
- 9. On 17 or 19 October, 2019 Mr Sweeney accepted a fixed penalty notice of 3 penalty points and a £100 fine in relation to a speeding offence involving a taxi being then used in Clackmannanshire.
- 10. In accordance with the conditions of his taxi driver licence Mr Sweeney correctly notified the licensing Authority of this conviction. He is aware of this responsibility.
- 11. On the renewal application dated 23 December 2019 relating to taxi driver licence No T1655, Mr Sweeney declared 2 convictions, the first was the conviction of 19 October, 2019 (although dated 17 October) and the other declared as "<u>expired</u>, 9970 Leeds, SP50, 3 points, £100 fine"

- 12. The keyword in the declaration of the second conviction is "expired" as such the Licensing Authority took no consideration of that conviction.
- 13. The matter of the relevant and recent conviction was reported to the Regulatory Committee, and at a hearing, which only considered the impact of this single conviction on his fitness to hold a licence, the licence was granted with no additional conditions, albeit for a restricted period of 1 year instead of the 3 year period applied for.
- 14. The conviction of 17/19 October, 2019 relates to driving motor vehicle at excessive speed-(43 mph in a 30mph area). The vehicle was a taxi and in use at the time, however Mr Sweeney stated there were no passengers in the vehicle when the offence was detected by the Camera Safety Partnership.
- 15. **Private Hire Car Operator Licence No. PH21**: On 22 April 2021, Mr Sweeney applied for this licence, completed the application form and declared a single conviction on the application form. The conviction declared was the 2019, speeding conviction previously referred to. On the basis of this, the application was granted under delegated powers.
- 16. **Private Hire Car Operator Licence No. PH1**: Sometime prior to August 2019 (earlier records have been deleted) Mr Sweeney was granted private hire car licence No PH1, on the application to renew this licence dated 31 July 2020, Mr Sweeney has declared two speeding convictions, 1 is the 2019 conviction previously mentioned and the other is declared in the following terms "11-2016, Cheshire, SP50, 3 points £100 fine".
- 17. This is the first time the "2016" conviction appears in these terms on any licensing application lodged by Mr Sweeney.
- 18. The 2016 conviction relates to an incident where Mr Sweeney was driving an HGV at excessive speed through a speed restriction connected to ongoing roadworks on a motorway. He believes the incident was on the M6 near Knutford.
- 19. The renewal of PH1 was granted in August 2020.
- 20. On 16 July, 2021, Mr Sweeney lodged a further renewal application for PH1, and on this occasion 2 convictions are declared, the "2019" conviction and on this occasion the "2016" Conviction is declared in slightly different terms, "16-11-2016, Cheister (sic), SP50, 3points £100.00 Fine".
- 21. During the consultation process I recalled that Mr Sweeney had previously appeared before the Regulatory Committee, and that the report only referred to a single conviction.
- 22. **Private Hire Car Operator (Unallocated No.) New Application**: On 30 July, 2021 Mr Sweeney lodged an application for a new private hire car licence, on the application, Mr Sweeney has declared two speeding convictions, 1 is the 2019 conviction previously mentioned and the other is declared in the following terms "16-11-2016, Cheshire, SP50, 3 points plus £100 fine".
- 23. **Taxi Operator Licence T4** : Mr Sweeney is named on this licence as a day to day manager only, the principal licence holder is another taxi operator. No convictions relating to Mr Sweeney have ever been declared on the application for this licence, which is issued jointly in the name of the principal partnership and Mr Sweeney.
- 24. Research of all licence applications made by Mr Sweeney revealed the anomalies described in the preceding paragraphs.
- 25. There is a clear potential benefit from a failure to correctly declare convictions on an application for any taxi driver or taxi/private hire car operator licences.
- 26. It is well known in the taxi/phc trade in Clackmannanshire, that the Regulatory Committee has taken a robust stance on licensed drivers who have collected multiple convictions or fixed penalties relating to driving matters, particularly where they relate to public safety issues such as speeding.

- 27. In this case had the second conviction been brought to the attention of the Regulatory Committee at the hearing of 27 October, 2020, they may have come to a different decision in relation to Mr Sweeney's taxi driver licence.
- 28. In an effort to establish whether or not the repeated omission of the "2016" conviction from a number of application forms was deliberate, an oversight or perhaps even a misunderstanding of the disclosure requirements, Mr Sweeney was interviewed (by telephone) on 26 August, 2021, in relation to the discovery.
- 29. Mr Sweeney's explanation was noted as he made it, and read back to him to confirm it had been noted accurately. Paragraph 28 contains the comments made by Mr Sweeney.
- 30. "I have always put the two convictions on every application I have made. They are certainly on them all, I know the older one is not yet spent, and that I still have to put it on, I think its November this year that its spent. Every time I have done an application I have definitely put them both on the forms. If you have the forms I handed in they are certainly both on every one".
- 31. As can be seen Mr Sweeney is adamant, and this position was clarified several times during the call, that both convictions have been declared on each occasion he has lodged an application. He actually made comment that if they (the convictions) were not on the form then they must have "disappeared", however although he subsequently accepted that this was an unreasonable supposition he remained unwavering from his positon that he had always correctly declared both convictions.
- 32. Due to Mr Sweeney's position of certainty that it was declared on each occasion he was required to do so, I am unable to draw any inferences or form any opinion as to why the "2016 conviction" was omitted from a number of applications forms.
- 33. Digital copies of the application forms referred to will be included with this report and these copies are images of the original documents, which are scanned on receipt by the licensing team.
- 34. The final matter of concern is connected to a complaint made in relation to the conduct of Mr Sweeney, whilst operating a taxi of Private hire car in Alloa.
- 35. The circumstances of the event are that on 17 May, 2021, a driver employed by a competing company collected a properly pre booked fare from outside the Asda Supermarket.
- 36. The passenger was a 69 year old lady.
- 37. At the time of the pick Mr Sweeney was in the vicinity of the pick up point calling out for a passenger by name who did not come forward.
- 38. The complainer drove off with the fare, however noticed that Mr Sweeney was now following him closely in his car.
- 39. The complainer stopped at his destination in Sauchie and as he was assisting the 69 year old fare from the vehicle Mr Sweeney approached him and made accusations that the fare had been "stolen" from a booking made to Mr Sweeney.
- 40. The complainer suggested Mr Sweeney was aggressive and demanded his name and address.
- 41. A short debate ensued, which resulted in the elderly lady becoming upset and distressed as she was made to feel that the incident was her fault.
- 42. When spoken to in relation to this matter Mr Sweeney stated, initially that he could not remember the incident, then changed his position to claim that the incident could not have happened as he would have remembered it.
- 43. I am aware that there are frequent debates and disputes between taxi drivers in Clackmannanshire, however such incidents occurring the presence of fare paying passengers, which place those customers in a state of upset or distress are unacceptable.

44. In all the circumstances the Regulatory Committee are asked to consider whether or not Mr Eamon Sweeney continues to be a fit a proper person to hold any of the licences (PH1, PH21, T4, and T1655) granted to him by Clackmannanshire Council, and whether or not he is a fit an proper person to hold the new Private Hire Car licence he has applied for.

Paul Fair

Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

## Appendix A

List and details of Taxi/PHC licences Held by Mr Eamon Sweeney.

Plate/Badge No	Type of Licence	Date of issue	Date of expiry
PH1	Private Hire Car Operator Licence	31 August 2020	31 August 2021
PH21	Private Hire Car Operator Licence	31 May 2021	31 May 2022
T4 (named only as day to day manager)	Taxi Operator licence	30 April, 2021	30 April 2022
T1655	Taxi Driver Licence (3yrs)	31 January 2021	12 July 2022 (Due to DL expiry)*
PH (Unallocated No.)	Private Hire Car Operator	Not yet granted.	Applied for 31/07/2021

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### Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence or a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

#### Each question must be answered

Surname	SWEENEY	First Name	EAMON FRANCES
Home Address (Including Postcode)			
Telephone Number			
Age C	Pate of Birth	Place of Birth	
Type of licence applied for? (Please tick only 1)	Taxi Driver 📈 or	Private Hire Car I	Driver
If previously licensed, state most recent identification	e date and number shown on badge	31-01-2	021 T1655
If previously refused a licer	nce give type and date		
Whether for grant or renew (Please tick only 1)	val?	Grant	Renewal 🔀
Which licence are you app (Please tick only 1)	lying for?	1 year	3 years
	continuous period of twelve f this application a full driver's pad Traffic Act 1988?	Yes	No
How long have you been c	lriving motor vehicles?	OVER	ZI YEARS
Do you intend to work as a occupation?	driver as a full time	Yes	No
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Are you subject to any disa fitness as a driver?	ability likely to affect your	Yes	No 🔀			
lf yes, state nature						
Do you suffer from any me you to notify the DVLA?	dical conditions that require	Yes	No 🔀			
Do you have the right to w	rork In the UK?	Yes 🔀	No 🗌			
You will need	You will need to provide original documents as listed in the Guidance Notes for Applicants Right to Work in the UK					
The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not prevent the Council considering "spent" convictions for this type of licence unless they are protected convictions. You should include any driving offences or penalties. This may also include any overseas convictions. Please note it is an offence if you fail to disclose convictions. If you have none please state none in the box below		Yes	No			
If yes, give particulars belo	N	L				
Date	Court	Offence	Sentence			
17-10-2019	ALLOA	5830	3 Points Fine 2100			

### I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature of applicant	
Date	11-01-2021

Please return the completed form together with the relevant fee to:

#### **The Licensing Administrator** Clackmannashire Council

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Kilncraigs
Alloa
FK10 1EB

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N.B. Any person who in or in connection with the making of this application makes any statement which he knows to be false or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a material particular shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £2,500.

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Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Individual Application Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Licence or Private Hire Car Licence

### Each question must be answered

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Full Name	SWEENEY		EAMON		
Home Address (Including Postcode)					
Telephone Number					
Age, Date & Place of Birth	Years	Date of Birth Place of Birt			
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Has the vehicle been previously	Yes/No
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If so, state type of last licence, to	
whom licensed and date of licence.	
Address of premises where vehicle is	
to be kept	
During what hours and on what dove	0800 -0400
During what hours and on what days will the vehicle be available for hire	
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Please state particulars of any convictions or pending cases, including contraventions of Byelaws, Road Traffic Offences and Environmental Health/Food Hygiene Offences? YES/NO. If so, give particulars below. (If none please state "NONE")

Date	Court	Offence	Sentence
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I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature of applicant ....

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Home Address (Including Postcode)				
Telephone Number				
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Has the vehicle been previously licensed as a taxi or hire car? Please state <b>Plate Number Held</b> State type of last licence, to whom licensed and date of licence.		PH 1 EMMON SWEENEY		
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Address of premises whe to be kept	re vehicle is	
During what hours and on will the vehicle be availab	what days Z4 H	ns

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Date	Court	Offence	Sentence
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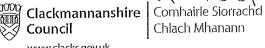
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Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 **Non-Natural Person** Application for the Grant or Renewal of a Taxi Licence or Private Hire Car Licence

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#### Each question must be answered

Company or Partnership Name	Keiran	¥.	Heather	Urz
Address of Registered or Principal Office				
Telephone Number				
Full names and private addresses of all directors, partners or other persons responsible for the management of the business	'AS Abo	يو_	-	
Ages, Dates and Places	Years		Date of Birth	Place of Birth
of Birth of all directors, partners or other persons responsible for the management of the business				
Full name and private add	dress of the	10	Mon Sweet	her
employee or agent who is the day to day manageme business				
Type of Licence applied for		(	Grant/Rei Faxi or Private Hir	e Car Licence
Has the vehicle been previously licensed as a taxi or private hire car			(Yes)/N	lo
Please state Plate <b>Number Held</b> State type of licence, to whom licensed and date of licence			T4	

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Is the vehicle wheelchair accessible			Yes/10
Address of premises where vehicle is to be kept			
During what hours and on what days will the vehicle be available for hire		24	/7
Registration Number	Date of First Registration		cc. Rating
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Home Address (Including Postcode)			
Telephone Number			
Age D	ate of Birth	Place of Birth	
Type of licence applied for? (Please tick only 1)	Taxi Driver 📈 or	Private Hire Car Driv	/er
If previously licensed, state most recent identification	date and number shown on badge		
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Whether for grant or renewal? (Please tick only 1)		Grant 🗹	Renewal
Which licence are you appl (Please tick only 1)	ying for?	√1 year	3 years
Have you held during any continuous period of twelve months prior to the date of this application a full driver's licence issued under the Road Traffic Act 1988?		Yes	No
How long have you been d	riving motor vehicles?	46.	
Do you intend to work as a occupation?	driver as a full time	Yes	No
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Are you subject to any dis fitness as a driver?	ability likely to affect your	Yes	No 🗹
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Do you suffer from any me you to notify the DVLA?	edical conditions that require	Yes	No 🗹
Do you have the right to w	vork In the UK?	Yes 🗸	No
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Signature of applicant				
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#### Memo

To: Lindsay Thomson Senior Manager Legal and Governance Kilncraigs Alloa FK10 1EB From: Paul Fair, Licensing Standards Officer Extension: 01259 452091 Email: pfair@clacks.gov.uk Our Ref: PF/CLSO Your Ref: 21/00232/TD1 Date: 1 August, 2021

#### Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Application for Taxi Drivers Licence Stephen Honeyman,

- 1. In terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 3 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 (the Act) I wish to make a representation in relation to the grant of a Taxi Drivers licence to Stephen Honeyman,
- This representation asks that the Regulatory Committee consider the information contained in paragraphs 3-10, before coming to a decision as to whether or not Stephen Honeyman (the applicant) is a fit and proper person to be hold a Taxi Drivers Licence.
- 3. The applicant has declared a single road traffic conviction on his application.
- 4. The applicant was advised to seek professional advice in relation to other convictions that he has in order to identify which convictions are now spent and protected from the requirements to declare them on a taxi driver's application.
- 5. It is clear from the information reported by Police Scotland in a separate report that he did not take that advice and as result has failed to declare convictions that he is required to declare on his application.
- 6. Full details of the convictions are contained within a representation made by Police Scotland and I have nothing further to add in relation to those.
- 7. The applicant was found not to be a fit and proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence in 2020.
- 8. The content of the Police Scotland objection shows that the applicant has engaged in an extended pattern of behaviour in relation to driving habits and decisions that has no doubt placed other road users at risk.
- 9. The applicant has failed to take notice of specific advice to assist him in the application process and as a result he has again failed to correctly declare convictions that he is required by law to admit on a taxi driver application.
- 10. Due to the nature and circumstances of these convictions, their relatively recent occurrence and their relevancy to the type of licence applied for, this application should not be granted under delegated powers, and should be determined by the Regulatory Committee.

11. The regulatory committee are asked to consider this representation along with the other information presented to them and determine whether or not the applicant is a fit an proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence

Paul Fair

Civic Licensing Standards Officer