



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBER on TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026 at 9.30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Kenneth Earle (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Kathleen Martin (Via Teams)
Councillor Jane McTaggart

IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Bell, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Depute Clerk to the Committee)
Sergeant Sharlene Meldrum, Police Scotland
Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
Lezli-Anne Sharp, Licensing Paralegal Administrator
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Minutes)

RC(26)01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Darren Lee, Councillor Wendy Hamilton and Councillor Scott Harrison.

With apologies from Councillor Lee, Councillor Earle, as Vice Chair, chaired the Committee today.

RC(26)02 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

RC(26)03 MINUTES OF REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 26 AUGUST 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 24 March 2026 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 24 March 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraphs 3 and 6.

**RC(26)04 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE/PRIVATE HIRE
CAR DRIVER LICENCE (C MITCHELL)**

The Licensing Authority had received an application for a grant of a Taxi Driver Licence/Private Hire Car Driver Licence from Mr Christopher Mitchell. Representations on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and an objection from Police Scotland.

Attending

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)
Sergeant Sharlene Meldrum, Police Scotland

The applicant for this Item was not present. Having confirmed that they had received notice of the meeting, and that they had not arrived at Reception for the meeting, the Vice Chair advised that he would take check with the Committee to agree to go ahead with the item of business in the absence of the applicant. The Committee unanimously agreed to go ahead with the item of business.

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard a representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) who advised the Committee who said that Mr Mitchell failed to declare a recent and relevant conviction. He played down the incident by describing it as a "just a little thing that happened". The explanation for not declaring the conviction was that he forgot about it and did not think that it was that important. He gave no recognition or no apology.

The Committee also heard representations from Police Scotland who advised about the Committee about Mr Mitchell's convictions and the Committee had the opportunity to put questions to Sergeant Meldrum.

Motion

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee not to grant the application for a Taxi Driver Licence/Private Hire Car Driver Licence as Mr Mitchell is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions the Committee unanimously agreed not to grant the application for a Taxi Driver Licence/Private Hire Car Driver Licence as Mr Mitchell was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

**RC(26)05 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER
LICENCE (M PARRY)**

The Licensing Authority had received an application for a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licence from Mr Marcus Parry. Representation on the application had been received from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and an objection from Police Scotland.

Attending

Mr Paul Fair, Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO)

Sergeant Sharlene Meldrum, Police Scotland

The applicant for this Item was not present. Having confirmed that they had received notice of the meeting, and that they had not arrived at Reception for the meeting, the Vice Chair advised that he would take check with the Committee to agree to go ahead with the item of business in the absence of the applicant. The Committee unanimously agreed to go ahead with the item of business.

The Committee were asked to consider all the information before them and having done so to determine whether to grant the licence; grant the licence subject to additional conditions; or refuse the application.

The Committee heard representation from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer (CLSO) and Police Scotland and had the opportunity to put questions to all parties.

Motion

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions that the Committee not to grant the application for a Taxi Driver Licence/Private Hire Car Driver Licence as Mr Parry is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Decision

Having considered all the information presented to it and having had the opportunity for questions the Committee unanimously agreed not to grant the application for a Taxi Driver Licence/Private Hire Car Driver Licence as Mr Parry was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Action

Depute Clerk to the Committee

End 10.05 hours

