

Minute of Special Meeting Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 15 February 2018	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

Chair

Councillor McNaughtan, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer, G McIntosh, Civic Government Enforcement Officer and N Barr, Administrative Assistant (all Finance & Resources).

Apologies

Provost Cameron and Councillors Emma Rodden, Eddie Devine, Cathy McEwan, and Kevin Montgomery.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

1 Hearing into Possible Suspension of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

The Board considered the possible suspension or revocation of the undernoted Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The licence holder had been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

John Nicolson, 14C Camphill Court, Paisley P2613

Mr Nicolson, the licence holder, and his Solicitor, Mr Banks, were invited into the meeting together with Inspector McLaren and Constable McEwan, on behalf of the Chief Constable. After consideration of all matters before the Board, the Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) asked Mr Banks if he wished to address the Board on any period of suspension the Board might impose on his client's licence prior to any motions being made in relation to his Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. Mr Banks then addressed the Board.

Following consideration of Mr Bank's submissions, the Board adjourned to allow members to consider this matter. The meeting was reconvened and the Convener proposed that Mr Nicolson's Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of three months with immediate effect. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That Mr Nicolson's Private Hire Car Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of three months with immediate effect.