

**Minute of special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held in the
Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 24 January 2017 at 9.30 a.m.**

Councillors: Paul Garner
Gordon Hughes
Baillie Joan Paterson
Depute Provost John Patrick
Sandy Turner

Officers: Bryan Douglas, Licensing Co-ordinator
Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Frances Kobiela, Senior Solicitor

CL110. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Provost Reid; Councillors Blackwood and Ritchie.

CL111. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were intimated.

CL112. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

CL113. Suspension Hearing

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer summarising the background to the immediate suspension on 22 December 2016 of the holder of private hire car driver licence No.487.

The licence holder had been cited to attend but was not in attendance.

Sergeant M White, Police Scotland and the Office Manager of the local MP's constituency office entered the meeting.

The Licensing Co-ordinator gave an update on the reason why the licence holder was not in attendance.

A statement of events which had been submitted by the Office Manager for the local MP's constituency office was circulated to members for their information.

Decision

The committee agreed to:-

- (1) suspend the private hire car driver licence for the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1 paragraph 11(2)(a) and (c) on the grounds respectively that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence and that carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates has caused, is causing or is likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or safety; and**
- (2) that having regard to the circumstances of the case, the suspension would take immediate effect, in accordance with paragraph 11(10) of the schedule of the said Act.**