

Agenda



Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023

Time: 14:00

Venue: Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank
G81 2NR

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Dear Member,

Please attend a meeting of **Licensing Committee** as detailed above.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

PETER HESSETT

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Councillor Ian Dickson
Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal
Councillor Jim McElhill
Councillor June McKay
Councillor John Millar
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill
Councillor Chris Pollock
Councillor Hazel Sorrell

All other Councillors for information.
Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2023

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the undernoted items of business on this agenda and, if so, state the reasons for such declarations.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 8

Submit for approval, as a correct record, the minutes of meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 2 August 2023.

4 OPEN FORUM

The Committee is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

**5 CONTINUATION OF HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE 9 - 13
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LATE HOURS
CATERING LICENCE**

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Members to consider a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland for the suspension of a Late Hours Catering Licence held by Mr. Shafiqullah Khalil for the premises, Aladdin Hot For You located at 6 High Street, Dumbarton G82 1LL. Members also have the option to revoke the licence.

**6 CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: 15 - 23
REVIEW OF TAXI FARES AND CHARGES -
DUMBARTON AND VALE OF LEVEN TAXI LICENSING ZONE**

Submit report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing information on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank, G81 2NR on Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Gurpreet Singh Johal, James McElhill, June McKay, Lawrence O'Neill and Hazel Sorrell.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing; Bob Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Sergeant Ben Rusden, Police Scotland; Mr Campbell, Solicitor and Representative for Licence Holder Mr Shafiqullah Khalil, Aladdin Hot For You and Mr Mugirente.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor John Millar and Councillor Chris Pollock.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 14 June 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

REQUIREMENT FOR A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to allow Members to consider whether to dispense with the requirement for a criminal record check from an applicant's country of origin.

Having heard from Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to dispense with the requirement for a criminal record check for this applicant and requested that Officers review the Licensing Committee's policy in respect of requiring a criminal record check from any future applicant's country of origin.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to dispense with the requirement for a criminal record check for this applicant and requested that Officers review the Licensing Committee's policy in respect of requiring a criminal record check from country of origin for future applicant's.

HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE - CONTINUATION

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration in relation to a matter continued from the meeting on 14 June 2023 asking Members to consider a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland for the suspension of a Late Hours Catering Licence held by Mr. Shafiqullah Khalil for the premises, Aladdin Hot For You located at 6 High Street, Dumbarton, G82 1LL. Members were advised they also had the option to revoke the licence.

Having heard from Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee then heard from Mr Campbell, Solicitor and Legal Representative for Licence holder Mr Shafiqullah Khalil. Mr Campbell advised Mr Shafiqullah Khalil was currently out of the country and looking after his mother who was not well. Mr Campbell asked for a continuation of the hearing to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee so Mr Shafiqullah Khalil could attend in person and respond to the concerns raised by Police Scotland. Mr Campbell provided Members with vouching in relation to the continuation request.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 2.46 p.m. with all those listed in the sederunt present.

After further discussion, Councillor Lawrence O'Neill, Chair, moved to allow a continuation of the hearing to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee on 11 October 2023 on the provision that a decision must be made at the next meeting to

determine whether the licence should be suspended and, if so, the duration of the suspension and date of commencement thereof or alternatively Members may revoke the licence.

Mr Campbell and Members agreed to the continuation with the provision proposed.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to a continuation of the hearing to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee on 11 October 2023 on the provision that a decision must be made at the next meeting to determine whether the licence should be suspended and, if so, the duration of the suspension and date of commencement thereof or alternatively Members may revoke the licence.

REVIEW OF REQUIREMENT OF KNOWLEDGE TEST

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration to allow Members to consider whether to review the knowledge test requirement for applicants for a Taxi Driver and Private Hire Car Driver Licence.

Having heard from Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to instruct the Council's Licensing Section to carry out a review, by way of a public consultation, of the requirement for a knowledge test for Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver licence applicants.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to instruct the Council's Licensing Section to carry out a review, by way of a public consultation, of the requirement for a knowledge test for Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver licence applicants.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed to approve the following Resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting to allow the following item to be heard:-

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act."

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A WINDOW CLEANER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration asking Members to consider an application for grant of a Window Cleaner's Licence submitted by Mr. Ross McGowan, 9 Cherry Crescent, Clydebank, G81 3JA.

The hearing had been continued from the previous Licensing Committee meeting on 14 June 2023 due to the Licence applicant's non-attendance.

The applicant was again not in attendance and had not been in contact with Officers regarding the hearing. After further discussion, Members agreed to refuse the Licence application as the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to refuse the Licence application as the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence.

The meeting closed at 2.53 p.m.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 11 October 2023

Subject: Hearing regarding possible suspension or revocation of a Late Hours Catering Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland for the suspension of a Late Hours Catering Licence held by Mr. Shafiqullah Khalil for the premises, Aladdin Hot For You located at 6 High Street, Dumbarton G82 1LL. Members also have the option to revoke the licence.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee are asked to consider the terms of this report, the terms of the letter from the Chief Constable and any evidence presented at the hearing and thereafter determine whether the licence should be suspended and, if so, the duration of the suspension and date of commencement thereof or alternatively revoke the licence.

3. Background

- 3.1** On 17 May 2023, a letter was received from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland requesting the immediate suspension of the Late Hours Catering Licence held by Mr. Khalil under Paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 on the grounds that the carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates is likely to cause a serious threat to public safety.
- 3.2** Having consulted with the Chief Officer, Regulatory and Regeneration, it was decided that the Late Hours Catering Licence held by Mr. Khalil did not merit an immediate suspension under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Act.
- 3.3** Mr. Khalil previously held a Late Hours Catering Licence for the premises having been granted the licence at Committee on 20 February 2019. The licence expired on 19 February 2022 and no renewal application was submitted at that time.
- 3.4** Mr. Khalil's current Late Hours Catering Licence has an expiry date of 23 June 2025 having had the licence granted on 24 June 2022 The operating hours of the Late Hours Catering Licence are:-

Monday	11.00 pm to 1 am
Tuesday	11.00 pm to 1 am

Wednesday	11.00 pm to 1 am
Thursday	11.00 pm to 2 am
Friday	11.00 pm to 4.30 am
Saturday	11.00 pm to 4.30 am
Sunday	11.00 pm to 2 am

- 3.5** At the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14 June 2023, having heard from the legal representative of the licence holder, Members decided to continue consideration of the matter to the next Meeting of the Licensing Committee due to be held on 2 August 2023.
- 3.6** At the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 2 August 2023, having heard from the legal representative of the licence holder, Members decided to continue consideration of the matter again to the next Meeting of the Licensing Committee due to be held on 11 October 2023.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In his letter the Chief Constable also requested a suspension of the licence under Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the 1982 Act. A licensing authority may, in these circumstances, order the suspension or revocation of a licence under Paragraph 11 if, in its opinion:-
- (a) the holder of the licence is not, or is no longer, a fit and proper person to hold the licence and/or;
 - (b) the activity to which the licence relates is being managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the licence holder, who would have been refused the grant or renewal of the licence under paragraph 5(3) and/or;
 - (c) the 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 public safety and/or;
 - (d) a condition of the licence has been contravened
- 4.2** The period of suspension of a licence is the unexpired portion of the duration of the licence, or such shorter period as the licensing authority may fix.
- 4.3** Where a licensing authority decides to order the suspension or revocation of a licence, the suspension or revocation generally does not take effect until the expiry of the time within which the holder of the licence may appeal against the suspension or revocation (28 days from the date of the decision to suspend) or, if an appeal has been lodged, until the appeal has been abandoned or determined in favour of the suspension or revocation. However, if the licensing authority determines that the circumstances of the case justify immediate suspension or revocation, it may order that the licence be suspended or revoked immediately.

- 4.4** A licensing authority must, before deciding to suspend or revoke a licence under Paragraph 11, give the holder of the licence and the Chief Constable an opportunity of being heard.
- 4.5** The licence holder and a representative of the Chief Constable have been invited to the meeting of the Committee on 11 October 2023 in order that a hearing may take place with regard to the possible suspension or revocation of the licence.
- 4.6** In considering whether to suspend or revoke a licence the licensing authority may have regard to any misconduct on the part of the licence holder which in the opinion of the authority has a bearing on his fitness to hold a licence.
- 4.7** The matters which the Committee will require to consider in relation to paragraph 4.1 above are as follows:-
- (a) Whether the alleged misconduct has been established.
 - (b) If the Committee is satisfied that the alleged misconduct has been established, whether, having regard to the misconduct on the part of the licence holder, this has a bearing on Mr Khalil's fitness to hold a licence.
 - (c) If the Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Khalil is no longer a fit and proper person, or the activity to which the licence relates is being managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the licence holder, who would have been refused the grant or renewal of the licence under paragraph 5(3), or that the carrying on of the activity has caused, is causing or is likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or public safety, the Committee must consider whether his licence should be suspended or revoked.
 - (d) If the Committee is of the opinion that a condition of the licence has been contravened then it may order the suspension or revocation of the licence.
 - (e) If the Committee is satisfied that the licence should be suspended, the Committee must give Mr. Khalil an opportunity of being heard on the length of the suspension and the date from which the suspension should commence.
 - (f) The Committee must then consider what length of suspension is appropriate and whether the circumstances of the case justify immediate suspension.
 - (g) If the Committee is satisfied that circumstances of the case justify revocation, the Committee must consider whether the circumstances of the case justify immediate suspension of the licence as well as revocation.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

9. Consultation

9.1 No consultation was required in relation to this request for suspension from Police Scotland.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to ensure our Communities are Resilient and Thriving.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Date 18 September 2023

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Appendices: None

Background Papers:

- 1.** Letter dated 17 May 2023 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland.
- 2.** Letter to Mr. Khalil dated 22 September 2023.

Wards Affected: N/A.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 11 October 2023

**Subject: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982:
Review of Taxi Fares and Charges -
Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To report to the Committee on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-

a) consider the fare structure submitted by the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi trade and the representation submitted by Mr. Kelly be considered along with the scales for taxi fares and related charges which were proposed by the representatives of the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi Trade and published in the 4 July 2023 edition of the Lennox Herald.

- 2.2** b) fixes the scales for taxi fares and related charges and authorise Officers to conclude the review by notifying each taxi operator of the new scales, their right to appeal to the Traffic Commissioner and, if there is no subsequent appeal against the scales, by giving public notice that the new scales are to come in to effect.

3. Background

- 3.1** In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982, licensing authorities must fix scales for taxi fares and related charges within 18 months from the date on which the scales came into effect.

- 3.2** The fares and charges which are applicable to taxis operating within the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone have been in effect since 26 May 2022 and these are detailed in Appendix 1.

- 3.3** The proposal submitted on 26 June 2023 by Mr. John Watters, Secretary of the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi trade, was detailed as follows:-

Flagfall

increase the flagfall on all tariffs by 30p;

Running Mile

increase the running mile by 20p on tariffs 1, 2 and 3;
increase the running mile by 10p on tariff 4;
increase the running mile by 30p on tariff 5 and
increase the running mile by 50p on tariff 6.

Fares for waiting

Increase the fares for waiting from:-

10p for every 15 seconds (£24.00 per hour) to:-

10p for every 10 seconds (£36.00 per hour)

- 3.4** The fare chart advertised in the 4 July 2023 edition of the Lennox Herald is detailed within Appendix 2.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In terms of the relevant legislation and considering the contents of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing Guidance 3rd edition recently updated in May 2023, before fixing any scales or carrying out any review, in addition to consulting with persons or organisations appearing to be representative of operators of taxis within the area, the Licensing Authority is required:

- (a) to publish the proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in the area setting out the proposed scales, explaining the effect of the proposed scales and proposing a date on which the proposed scales are to come into effect;
- (b) to invite representations from any persons with respect to the proposals within a period of one month from the date of publication of the notice; and
- (c) to consider any such representations which have been duly lodged before a decision is taken on the matter.

- 4.2** Notice of the proposed scales appeared in the Lennox Herald on 4 July 2023 inviting representations from any persons with respect to the proposals to be received by 4 August 2023.

- 4.3** An email was received on 2 August 2023 from Mr Michael Kelly, a taxi operator within the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven taxi zone, making a representation in relation to the proposals. A copy of Mr. Kelly's representation is detailed within Appendix 3.

- 4.4** Mr Kelly was in agreement with all the proposals which were advertised with the exception of fares for waiting. Mr. Kelly proposed that the current rate for waiting time of 10p for every 15 seconds be retained.

Waiting Time

Retain the current rate of waiting time at £24.00 per hour.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues for the Council arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** An advert was placed in the 4 July 2023 edition of the Lennox Herald inviting representations to the proposed fare chart.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to ensure our Communities are Resilient and Thriving.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Date 18 September 2023

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Appendices:

1. Current Fare Chart for Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.
2. Proposed Fare Chart for Dumbarton & Vale of Leven zone.
3. Representation submitted by Mr. Michael Kelly.

Background Papers:

1. Letter to Mr. John Watters dated 22 September 2023.
2. Letter to Mr. Michael Kelly dated 22 September 2023.

Plate No. _____ Vehicle Registration Number _____

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Fare Chart (Effective from 26 May 2022)**DUMBARTON AND VALE OF LEVEN ZONE**

Tariff One 6.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Sunday	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£3.00
	For each additional 1/20th mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Two 9.00pm to 6.00am Monday to Sunday	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£3.60
	For each additional 1/22nd mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Three 6.00pm on 24th December to 6.00am on 27th December and 6.00pm on 31st December to 6.00am on 3rd January	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£5.00
	For each additional 1/28th mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Four 6.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Sunday (Only applicable when five or more passengers are being carried)	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£4.00
	For each additional 1/25th mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Five 9.00pm to 6.00am Monday to Sunday (Only applicable when five or more passengers are being carried)	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£4.60
	For each additional 1/27th mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Six Christmas and New Year hours as per Tariff Three (Only applicable when five or more passengers are being carried)	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£6.50
	For each additional 1/35th mile.....	£0.10

Any hire terminating out with the West Dunbartonshire area will be at a rate to be agreed at the time of hire.

Extra Charges

Taxi drivers may add on any charge incurred at any Airport when either dropping off or picking up passengers. Drivers must make passengers aware in advance that extra charges may be added to the fare. A charge equivalent to the initial flagfall on Tariff 1 shall be payable for a taxi booking made by telephone or via App and not cancelled before arrival when the taxi is no longer required.

Fares for Waiting

The Driver is, in addition to the above, entitled to charge for waiting whether in one stoppage or in several stoppages as follows:

For each period of FIFTEEN SECONDS or part thereof£0.10 (All Tariffs)

Soiling Fee

A fee of £100 is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Dunbartonshire Council has reviewed the fares for the hire of taxis within the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Zone of the local authority area and the outcome of the review is that there will be increases applied as follows:-

Initial flagfall (50p on Tariff 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Running mile (20p on Tariff 1, 20p on Tariff 2, 20p on Tariff 3, 10p on Tariff 4, 30p on Tariff 5 and 50p on Tariff 6)

Waiting time will increase from £24.00 per hour to £36.00 per hour

The new fare chart will be as follows:-

DUMBARTON AND VALE OF LEVEN ZONE

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	For each additional 1/26th mile.....	£0.10
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	For each additional 1/30th mile.....	£0.10
Tariff Six Christmas and New Year hours as per Tariff Three (Only applicable when five or more passengers are being carried)	For a distance not exceeding ½ OF A MILE.....	£7.00
	For each additional 1/40th mile.....	£0.10

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A fee of £100 is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement.

It is proposed that the fare chart will apply from 7 September 2023. Any person wishing to make representations with respect to the Authority's proposals should lodge same in writing to the undernoted by 5 August 2023.

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5 July 2023

From: Licensing
Sent: 02 August 2023 11:31:45
To: Robert MacKie
Cc:
Subject: FW: Taxi fare increase

From:
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To: Licensing <Licensing@west-dunbarton.gov.uk>
Subject: Taxi fare increase

F.a.o

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Hi there.

Sorry for the late reply on my thoughts on the proposed taxi fare chart. I was originally unopposed to everything being proposed. However after some more thought I would like to lodge 1 objection with it.

Waiting time. I believe the waiting time should be kept as it is at the moment at £24 per hour.

I think that increasing it to £36 per hour could be the difference between a lot of customers using or not using taxis. Especially at peak times. I.e school run times in morning or afternoon. Being stuck in busy traffic for periods if time could put off people from using us.

Other than that I agree with everything.

Thanks
Michael Kelly