

THE FIFE COUNCIL - REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Council Chamber, 6th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

22 September, 2026

09.30 am – 11.20 am

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams (Convener), Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Gavin Ellis, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, John O'Brien, Gordon Pryde, Jonny Tepp, Darren Watt, Tom Brown, Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing, Craig Ritchie, Enforcement Officer, Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Alistair Cameron, Lea Crowe, Colin Davidson, Margaret Kennedy and Nicola Patrick.

350. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kennedy Dalby made a transparency statement relating to the Opposed Application of a Booking Office Licence as she knew two of the objectors who ran the taxi company she used. Having applied the objective test, she remained and participated in the meeting.

Councillor Gavin Ellis made a transparency statement relating to the Opposed Application of a Booking Office Licence as he knew two of the objectors, namely James Glen and Linda Holt. Having applied the objective test, he remained and participated in the meeting.

Councillor Jonny Tepp made a transparency statement relating to the Opposed Application of a Booking Office Licence as he knew some of the objectors. Having applied the objective test, he remained and participated in the meeting.

Councillor Darren Watt made a transparency statement relating to the Opposed Application of a Booking Office Licence as he knew two of the objectors, namely James Glen and Linda Holt as he previously worked with them. Having applied the objective test, he remained and participated in the meeting.

351. OPPOSED APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A BOOKING OFFICE LICENCE - UBER SCOT LIMITED - (NEW APPLICATION)

The committee considered an application for a Booking Office Licence for which public objections were made.

A preliminary point was raised by Kevin Clancy, Solicitor Advocate, acting on behalf of Uber Scot Limited, that the objections submitted in response to the application for the Booking Office Licence were not competent as they did not comply with Paragraph 3, Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

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The meeting adjourned at 10.24am and reconvened 11.16am, during which discussion took place regarding the competency of the objections following advice given relating to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Convener informed those present that following receipt of legal advice, the objections were not competent and should not be heard as part of the application.

Decision

The committee agreed, having taken legal advice, that there were no competent objections to the application, and the licence was granted.