

**LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET**  
**12 December 2023**

**TAXI DRIVER LICENCE 0674**

**LICENCE HOLDER: William Cameron**

**DESCRIPTION**

- Licence held since 28/04/2003
- Current licence granted 26/09/2022 on renewal
- Expiry 31/07/2025

A complaint was received on 02/08/2023 from Burnett & Reid, solicitors on behalf of one of their clients, who is 71, and housebound and has recently lost her husband.

The complaint states that during her husband's illness their client and her husband befriended Mr Cameron (taxi driver) who would run errands for them, including withdrawing money at their request from an ATM.

They also loaned Mr Cameron money during this time.

However, it appears that whilst withdrawing authorised monies, Mr Cameron also withdrew additional funds (approx. £8000) without the knowledge or authority of Burnett & Reid's clients. When challenged, Mr Cameron admitted this and agreed to repay the money but only repaid a limited amount.

At that point Burnett & Reid's client reported the matter to Police Scotland and also came to a formal legal agreement with Mr Cameron for the monies to be repaid in full by instalments. With that in mind no action was taken by Police Scotland.

Again, Mr Cameron failed to adhere to this agreement and the matter was passed to Sheriff officers who served a Charge for Payment on Mr Cameron for £7400 plus costs. Apparently, this has not provoked any response or payment from Mr Cameron.

Whilst this activity does not itself relate to Mr Cameron's taxi driver licence, Burnett & Reid are of the opinion that Mr Cameron's behaviour means that he cannot be considered a fit and proper person to hold a licence issued by this authority.

Consideration of this complaint was deferred from the September 6, 2023, to allow Mr Cameron to seek legal advice for the complaint made against him.

## CONSULTEES

N/A

## OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Licensing

## COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

N/A

## GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION/REVOICATION

A licensing authority may, whether upon a complaint made to them or not, suspend or revoke a licence in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

A licensing authority may order the suspension or revocation of a licence if in their opinion—

- (a) the holder of the licence or, where the holder is not a natural person, any director of it or partner in it or any other person responsible for its management, is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence;
- (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) above;
- (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;
- (d) a condition of the licence has been contravened.

In considering whether to suspend or revoke a licence the licensing authority may—

- (a) have regard to—
  - (i) any misconduct on the part of the holder of the licence, whether or not constituting a breach of any provision of Part I or II of this Act or this Schedule, which in the opinion of the authority has a bearing on his fitness to hold a licence;
  - (ii) where the licence relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, any misconduct on the part of persons frequenting or using the premises, vehicle or vessel occurring there or any misconduct in the immediate vicinity of the premises, vehicle or vessel which is attributable to those persons;
- (b) make such reasonable inquiries as they think fit and, subject to sub-paragraph (5) below, include the results of their inquiries in the matters to which they have regard in such consideration.