

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 02 December 2025

Agenda Item	10.1
Report No	HLB/97/25

Hearing to consider Police Scotland notification of conviction and recommendation

Personal licence holder – Alexander Lewis Galpin (HC/INBS/7534)

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report relates to a hearing under Section 83(7) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act. 2005. This is a mandatory hearing which must take place following receipt from Police Scotland of a report under section 83(4) confirming that a personal licence holder has been convicted of a relevant or foreign offence and including a recommendation that the personal licence be revoked.

1. Background

- 1.1 A personal licence is required to allow any individual to supervise or authorise the sale of alcohol.
- 1.2 Alexander Lewis Galpin was granted a personal licence on 12 May 2021 and, subject to the terms of the Act, the licence will expire on 11 May 2031.
- 1.3 In terms of Section 83(4) of the above Act, Police Scotland have notified the Licensing Board by letter dated 06 November 2025 that personal licence holder, Alexander Lewis Galpin, was convicted of a relevant offence on 23 June 2025. A copy of this letter is attached (**Appendix 1**).

The notice includes a recommendation under section 83(5) of the Act that the personal licence be revoked because, having regard to the conviction specified in the notice, the Chief Constable considers this necessary for the purposes of one or more of the licensing objectives.

Section 83(7) of the Act requires that where the Board receives a notice of conviction which includes such a recommendation, the Board must hold a hearing.

In terms of Section 82 of the Act, the holder of a personal licence is required, not later than one month after the date of conviction, to give notice of the conviction to the Licensing Board. Alexander Lewis Galpin has not complied with this requirement by notifying the Licensing Board on 16 October 2025.

- 1.4 The personal licence holder, Alexander Lewis Galpin and a representative from Police Scotland have been invited to attend the hearing. Both have been advised of the hearing procedure which will be followed at the meeting and which may also be viewed via the following link:

http://highland.gov.uk/hlb_hearings

2. Legal Position

- 2.1 The Board may have regard only to convictions for “relevant or foreign” offences confirmed by Police Scotland. In this context, “relevant offence” means any offence specified in the Licensing (Relevant Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2007/513, and “foreign offence” means any foreign offence whatsoever.

A list of the relevant offences identified in the 2007 Regulations is set out at Appendix 3 to the Board’s Licensing Policy Statement, which can be accessed at

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1126/licences -
alcohol/729/meetings_and_policies/4](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1126/licences_-_alcohol/729/meetings_and_policies/4)

Police Scotland have confirmed in the notice that the conviction is for a relevant offence.

- 2.2 At the hearing, the Board may, after giving the licence holder and Police Scotland an opportunity to be heard, and having had regard to the conviction and the recommendation contained in the Police Scotland notice, make an order revoking, suspending or endorsing the licence if the Board is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives. The period of any suspension may not exceed 6 months.

Separately, where, at the hearing, the Board are satisfied that, having regard to the licensing objectives, the licence holder is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a personal licence, the Board must make an order revoking the licence.

For the purposes of the Act, the licensing objectives are-

- (a) preventing crime and disorder,
- (b) securing public safety,
- (c) preventing public nuisance,
- (d) protecting and improving public health, and
- (e) protecting children and young persons from harm.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to hear from the representative of Police Scotland and from the personal licence holder and then to determine whether to make any order revoking, suspending or endorsing the personal licence.

Reference: HC/INBS/7534

Date: 07 November 2025

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Letter from Police Scotland dated 06 November 2025

06/11/2025

Your Ref: HC/INBS/7534

Our Ref: 185342

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF Claire McArthur

Dear Madam,

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER DUTY TO NOTIFY LICENSING BOARD OF CONVICTIONS. ALEXANDER LEWIS GALPIN, [REDACTED]

I refer to the above and your correspondence. In terms of Section 83(4)(b) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I have to advise you that ALEXANDER LEWIS GALPIN has been convicted of the following relevant offence(s).

Date	Court	Crime/Offence	Disposal
23/06/2025	Edinburgh Sheriff Court	Section 1 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.	Sentence deferred to 01/08/2025, then 02/09/2025 then 30/09/2025 then community payback order 2 years supervised. Non harassment order of 2 years not to approach or contact the victim.

The offence Domestic Abusive (Scotland) Act 2018 Section 1 is defined as when a person engages in a course of behaviour which is abusive to a partner or ex partner and is likely, intends or is reckless as to whether the behaviour would cause physical or psychological harm.

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Victim A and the licence holder began a relationship together in August 2022. In January 2023 Victim A became pregnant with their child. Following a brief period of separation the relationship ended in July 2024.

When their child was 10 days old, Victim A took them to visit her mother.

However, during this visit the licence holder telephoned Victim A more than 100 times, until she returned to his home address in Edinburgh.

In November 2023, Victim A was with her mother in a local shopping centre and was one hour late returning home. The licence holder advised her that she was no longer to see her family and made comments that Victim A should not leave the house and prioritise housework.

In December 2023, the licence holder demanded Victim A drive to England with their child, to visit his family.

In August 2024, Victim A was in England on a trip with her mother and child.

During this time the licence holder called Victim A around 300 times and verbally abused her during said calls. He also sent abusive text messages.

The licence holder would also repeatedly attend at Victim A's mother's home address uninvited and refuse to leave and frequently call Victim A demanding she returns home, or he would come and get her.

On 24th October 2024, Victim A reported the matter to the police which instigated a domestic abuse investigation of controlling and abusive behaviour. Corroboration was obtained from Victim A's mother.

On 15th December 2024, the licence holder was arrested and charged with Section 1 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 and released on preventative bail conditions.

On the 23rd of June 2025, the licence holder attended at Edinburgh Sheriff Court and was convicted as outlined. The charge of the conviction was as outlined -

Between 01 March 2023 and 31 October 2024 both dates inclusive you ALEXANDER GALPIN did engage in a course of behaviour which was abusive of your partner or ex-partner, in that you did on an occasion drive with a door of a vehicle open, causing it to strike a post or similar and close, seize her on the body, pull her by same and demand she leave said vehicle; repeatedly act in an aggressive manner; encourage her to make representations in support of the removal of bail conditions; on an occasion seize her on the body, pull her by same causing her to fall onto a bed; and repeatedly contact her and make offensive remarks towards her; CONTRARY to the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, Section 1.

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Whilst the offence is not related to the sale of alcohol, I can confirm it is relevant, as the convicted offence included personal violence toward Victim A.

I am unable to confirm the existence of any foreign offence in respect of the licence holder.

In terms of Section 83(5)(a) &(b) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and having regard to the crime prevention and securing public safety licensing objectives, Police Scotland recommends that the Personal Licence for ALEXANDER LEWIS GALPIN be revoked.

Yours faithfully



Chief Superintendent Rob Shepherd
Divisional Commander

For enquiries, please contact the Licensing Department on 0300 424 6401.