

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 15 February 2023

Subject: Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Ross McKinney, 17 Highdykes Hill, Bonhill, Alexandria G83 9AB.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that the application be considered and determined by the Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. McKinney submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 11 December 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 5 January 2023 submitting an objection in connection with the application.
- 3.3** Members may wish to note that Mr. McKinney appeared before the Licensing Committee on 15 June 2021 where he was the subject of an immediate suspension request submitted by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland. Members decided at that time that the request to suspend or revoke the licence should be returned to the Committee by Police Scotland if required as the matters detailed in the Police letter related to a pending matter which had not yet been determined. The objection submitted by Police Scotland on 5 January 2023 relates to the same matter contained within their previous immediate suspension request submitted on 19 May 2021.
- 3.4** Mr. McKinney has held a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence with West Dunbartonshire Council since October 2014.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** In view of the submission received from the Police, the applicant and a representative of the Police authority have been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 15 February 2023.
- 4.2** The terms of the letter from the Police will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.

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 Police Scotland were consulted in relation to the application.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to ensure our neighbourhoods are safe, resilient and inclusive.

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Ross McKinney, 17 Highdykes Hill, Bonhill, Alexandria G83 9AB.

2. Letter dated 5 January 2023 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. McKinney dated 26 January 2023.

Wards Affected: N/A.