### WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory

# **Licensing Committee – 4 December 2019**

# 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. Neil Brown, 57 Lansbury Street, Alexandria G83 0SA.

#### 2. Recommendations

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

# 3. Background

- 3.1 Mr. Brown submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 15 October 2019.
- 3.2 A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 17 October 2019 submitting a representation in relation to the application.
- 3.3 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 6 December 2017, Mr. Brown attended the Licensing Committee having been subject to a representation from Police Scotland. The nature of the representation submitted at that time was similar to that submitted by the Police in relation to the current application for renewal. A copy of the Police representation submitted on 17 October 2017 is included within the background papers.
- **3.4** Having heard from both Police Scotland and Mr. Brown, Members decided to renew the application.

#### 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 4 December 2019.
- **4.2** The terms of the letters 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 protect the welfare of the community, including vulnerable people.

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Date 29 October 2019

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**Appendices:** N/A.

### **Background Papers:**

- **1.** Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Neil Brown, 57 Lansbury Street, Alexandria G83 0SA.
- **2.** Letter dated 17 October 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.

- **3.** Letter dated 17 October 2017 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
- **4.** Letter to Mr. Brown dated 8 November 2019.

Wards Affected: N/A