

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services**

#### **Licensing Committee – 28 August 2013**

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**Subject: Application for renewal of 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. James Murray, 348 Halley Street, Yoker, Glasgow, G13 4DT.

#### **2. Recommendations**

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

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Mr. Murray submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 15 May 2013.
- 3.2** When Mr. Murray applied for renewal of his licence last year, a representation was made by the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority in relation to the application. After a hearing at the meeting of the Committee on 5 September 2012, it was agreed that the application be renewed and that the applicant's next application for renewal of the licence be referred to the Committee for consideration and the applicant be invited to appear before the Committee in this connection.
- 3.3** In addition an email was received on 13 June 2013 with an attached letter from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority advising the Chief Constable has a representation to make in relation to the application.
- #### **4. Main Issues**
- 4.1** In view of the representation that has been received from the Police, and with reference to the decision of the Licensing Committee on 5 September 2012, the applicant and a representative of the Police authority have been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 28 August 2013.
- 4.2** The terms of the letters from the Police will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.
- 4.3** In terms of the relevant legislation, a representation with respect to an application should be submitted within 28 days of receipt of the application. As Mr. Murray's application was received on 15 May 2013, any representation

should have been submitted by 12 June 2013. There is provision in the legislation for the Licensing Authority to entertain a late objection which has been received before a final decision has been made on an application if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the objection had not been made in the time required.

**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 No consultation exercise was required in relation to this 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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**Appendices:** N/A.

**Background Papers:**

1. Application for renewal of Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. James Murray, 348 Halley Street, Yoker, Glasgow, G13 4DT.
2. Letter to Mr. Murray dated 31 July 2013.
3. Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 31 July 2013.

**Wards Affected:** N/A.