

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee – 3 May 2011

Subject: Application for grant of Taxi Booking Office Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for grant of a Taxi Booking Office Licence submitted by Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd., 107 Main Street, Alexandria, G83 ONX.

2. Background

- 2.1** Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd. submitted an application for grant of a Taxi Booking Office Licence to the Council on 20 January 2011.
- 2.2** In accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Schedule 1, paragraph 2(2), where an application for a licence is in relation to an activity wholly or mainly to be carried on in premises, the applicant is required to display a notice at or near the premises for a period of 21 days beginning with the date on which the application was submitted.
- 2.3** Members decided to continue Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd's application to the next meeting of the Committee in order that the notice could be displayed for a further period of 21 days beginning on 7 March 2011 as they were satisfied that the notice had not been displayed for the statutory period.
- 2.4** 15 letters of objection have been received in relation to the application for the grant of a Taxi Booking Office Licence submitted by Alexandria & Dumbarton TOA Ltd.
- 2.5** A facsimile was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 8 February 2011 advising that the Chief Constable has no police objections or representations to make in relation to the application.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** In view of the objections which have been received, the applicants and the objectors have been invited to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 3 May 2011.
- 3.2** Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd. submitted the Certificate of Compliance confirming that the Application Notice had been displayed for the statutory 21 day period, from 7 March 2011 to 28 March 2011, on 30 March 2011.
- 3.3** The terms of the letters of objection will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.

4. People Implication

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

7. Equalities, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential impact of this report.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

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

Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a Taxi Booking Office Licence submitted by Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd., 107 Main Street, Alexandria, G83 ONX.L
2. Letters of objection received 15 February 2011 from :-
Mrs. M. Reynolds 140 Cumbrae Crescent South, Dumbarton, G82 5AR.

Letters of objection received 16 February 2011 :-

Derek Wray, 96 Beechwood Drive, Bonhill, Alexandria, G83 9NP.
Karen Stewart, 35/7 Merkins Avenue, Bellsmyre, Dumbarton, G82 3EA.
M. Gargaro, 137 O'Hare, Bonhill, G83 9DU.

Letter of objection received 21 March 2011:-
Mrs. Sheila Cowan, 2 Perrays Way, Lennox Gardens, Dumbarton, G82 5HU.

Letter of objection received 23 March 2011:-
Anthony Gargaro, 141 Nobleston, Bonhill, G83 9DD.
John Neeson, 66 Johnstone Road, Renton, G82.

Letter of objection received 24 March 2011:-
Mr. Grahame Cowan, 2 Perrays Way, Lennox Gardens, Dumbarton, G82 5HU.
Heather Stewart, 25 Halkett Crescent, Rosshead, Alexandria, G83 OQZ.
Councillor Jim Bollan, 4 Endrick Way, Alexandria, G83 OUR.

Letter of objection received 25 March 2011:-
Stephen Forrest, 34 Strathleven Drive, Bonhill, G83 9PB.
John Lavery, 5 Inchlonaig Drive, Alexandria, G83 8JQ.
Stephen Stewart, 6/2 Gray Street, Alexandria, G83.
Gary McMillan, 417 Braehead, Alexandria, G83 9NQ.

Letter of objection received 28 March 2011:-
Ian Hulme, 7 Netherbog Road, Dumbarton, G82 2HT.

4. Letter to Alexandria and Dumbarton TOA Ltd. dated 15 April 2011.
5. Letters to objectors dated 14 April 2011.

Wards Affected: N/A.