

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

**Licensing Committee – 12 June 2012**

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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. Graeme Ness, 137 Cumbrae Crescent South, Dumbarton, G83 5AW .

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Mr. Ness submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 5 April 2012.
- 2.2** A letter was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 10 May 2012 advising that the Chief Constable has a representation to make in relation to the application.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** In view of the representation that has been 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 12 June 2012.
- 3.2** 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. Ness's application was received on 5 April 2012, any representation should have been submitted by 3 May 2012. There is, however, provision in the legislation for the Licensing Authority to entertain a late representation which has been received before a final decision has been made if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the representation had not been made in the time required.
- 3.3** The terms of the letter from the Police will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.

#### **4. People Implications**

- 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 impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

**8. Strategic Assessment**

**8.1** There are no strategic implications.

**9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

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

Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

Date: 17/5/2012

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**Appendices:** N/A.

**Background Papers:**

1. Application for grant of Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Graeme Ness, 137 Cumbrae Crescent South, Dumbarton G82 5AW.
2. Letter dated 2 May 2012 from the Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. Ness dated 29 May 2012.
4. Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 29 May 2012.

**Wards Affected:** N/A.