

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

#### **Licensing Committee – 5 September 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. John MacDonald, 40 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank, G81 1QR.

#### **2. Recommendations**

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

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Mr. MacDonald submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 23 June 2012.
- 3.2** A facsimile was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 19 July 2012 advising that the Chief Constable has a representation to make in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. MacDonald attended a suspension hearing on 7 April 2011 following a request by the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police. Members decided that no action should be taken unless Mr. MacDonald was convicted of the charge against him.
- 3.4** The pending case which the Police referred to at the suspension hearing remains outstanding at the time of writing this report however a trial diet has been set for 28 August 2012.

#### **4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** 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 5 September 2012.
- 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, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment**

**8.1** No impact assessment is required because this report does not involve any change to policies or services or financial decisions.

## **9. Strategic Assessment**

**9.1** There are no strategic implications.

Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

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**Appendices:** N/A.

### **Background Papers:**

- 1.** Application for grant of Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. John MacDonald, 40 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank, G81 1QR.
- 2.** Letter dated 19 July 2012 from the Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. MacDonald dated 20 August 2012.
- 4.** Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 20 August 2012.

**Wards Affected:** N/A.