

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory
Licensing Committee – 4 September 2019

Subject: Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Darren Gallacher, 10 Briar Drive, North Kilbowie, Clydebank G81 3HX.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Gallacher submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 19 June 2019.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 16 July 2019 submitting a representation in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. Gallacher previously submitted an application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 19 April 2017. At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14 June 2017, having heard from Police Scotland, the Committee agreed that the application be refused on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Temporary Taxi Driver/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.
- 3.4** At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7 August 2019, Members agreed that the application be continued to the meeting of the Licensing Committee scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

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 September 2019.
- 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 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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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Darren Gallacher, 10 Briar Drive, North Kilbowie, Clydebank G81 3HX.

2. Letter dated 16 July 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
3. Letter to Mr. Gallacher dated 18 July 2019.
4. Letter to Mr. Gallacher dated 16 August 2019.

Wards Affected: N/A