

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 3 February 2021

Subject: Application for renewal of a 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. David Darroch, 51 Napier Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4ED.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Darroch submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 5 December 2020.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 17 December 2020 submitting an objection in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. Darroch attended the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21 October 2020 following a request from Police Scotland for the immediate suspension of his Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.
- 3.4** Having heard from all relevant parties, the Committee decided that the alleged misconduct relating to a pending matter had been established and that the misconduct did not form grounds for suspending or revoking the licence and thereafter instructed Officers to issue a warning letter to the licence holder.

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 3 February 2021.
- 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.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

- 1.** Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. David Darroch, 51 Napier Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4ED.
- 2.** Letter dated 17 December 2020 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. Darroch dated 15 January 2021.

Wards Affected: N/A.