WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee – 1 May 2013

Subject: Application for grant of 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. Kenneth Gillespie, 198/3 Faifley Road, Clydebank, G81 5EG.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- **3.1** Mr. Gillespie submitted an application for grant of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 15 January 2013.
- **3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 4 February 2013 advising that the Chief Constable has an objection to make in relation to the application.
- **3.3** At the meeting on 6 March 2013, it was noted that the applicant was not present. It was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting in order that the applicant may be given a further opportunity to appear before the Committee.

4. Main Issues

- **4.1** In view of the objection 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 1 May 2013.
- **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 No consultation exercise was required in relation to this application.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 The purpose of licensing is to protect the wellbeing of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

- 1. Application for grant of Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Kenneth Gillespie, 198/3 Faifley Road, Clydebank, G81 5EG.
- 2. Letter dated 31 January 2013 from the Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
- **3.** Letter to Mr. Gillespie dated 18 February 2013.

- 4. Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 18 February 2013.
- 5. Letter to Mr. Gillespie dated 17 April 2013.
- 6. Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 17 April 2013.

Wards Affected: N/A.