

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

**Licensing Committee – 9 January 2013**

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**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. Barry Bonner, 4 Erskine View, Old Kilpatrick, G60.

#### **2. Recommendations**

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

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Mr. Bonner submitted an application for grant of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 1 November 2012.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 6 December 2012 advising that the Chief Constable has a representation to make in relation to the application.

#### **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 9 January 2013.
- 4.2** The terms of the letter from the Police will be made known to the Committee at the meeting as appropriate.
- 4.3** 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. Bonner's application was received on 1 November 2012, any representation should have been submitted by 29 November 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 on an application if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the representation had not been made in the time required.

#### **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. Consultation**

**9.1** No consultation exercise was required in relation to this 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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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. Barry Bonner, 4 Erskine View, Old Kilpatrick, G60.
2. Letter dated 6 December 2012 from the Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. Bonner dated 17 December 2012.
4. Letter to the Chief Superintendent dated 17 December 2012.

**Wards Affected:** N/A.