

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

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. Waseem Akram, 313 Main Street, Alexandria, G83 0AT.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Akram submitted an application for renewal of Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 10 June 2019.
- 3.2** Intimation was given from Police Scotland that further enquiries were being made following which their response would be submitted.
- 3.3** A further letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 9 August 2019 requesting that the Licensing Committee accept a late representation from the Police in relation to the application from Mr. Akram.
- 3.4** A separate letter was also received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 9 August 2019 submitting the representation to the application.
- 3.5** 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. Akram's application was received on 10 June 2019, any objection should have been submitted by 8 July 2019. 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 if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the representation had not been made in the time required.

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 Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Akram
- 2.** Letters dated 9 August 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. Akram dated 16 August 2019.

Wards Affected: N/A.

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