

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 14 June 2023

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. Robert Young, 129 Melbourne Avenue, Clydebank G81 4QB.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Young submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 18 October 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 14 November 2022 submitting an objection in connection with the application.
- 3.3** A further letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 14 November 2022 detailing a number of convictions deemed as 'protected' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- 3.4** Mr. Young previously held a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence with West Dunbartonshire Council from September 2015 until September 2019.
- 3.5** At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7 December 2022, having heard from both the Section Head of Licensing and the Police representative, Members decided to continue the application until the 15 February 2023.
- 3.6** At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 15 February 2023, having heard from both the Section Head of Licensing and the Police representative, Members decided to continue the application until the 14 June 2023.

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 14 June 2023.
- 4.2** The second letter received from Police Scotland contains details of matters that are considered 'protected' in terms of the Rehabilitation Of Offenders Act 1974.

These details will only be submitted to Members of the Committee should they determine that justice cannot be done in this case except by admitting these details.

4.3 The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 requires the licensing authority to reach a final decision on each application within a period of 9 months from the date the application was submitted. As Mr Young submitted his application on 18 October 2022 a decision on the application must be made by 18 July 2023 at the latest otherwise the licence will be deemed to have being granted.

4.4 The terms of the letters 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 ensure our Communities are Resilient and Thriving.

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Robert Young, 129 Melbourne Avenue, Clydebank G81 4QB.
2. Letters dated 14 November 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. Young dated 25 May 2023.

Wards Affected: N/A.