

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

#### **Licensing Committee – 31 October 2012**

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**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. John MacDonald, 40 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank, G81 1QR.

#### **2. Recommendations**

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

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** Mr. MacDonald submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 23 June 2012.
- 3.2** A facsimile was received from the Chief Superintendent of the Police authority on 19 July 2012 advising that the Chief Constable has a representation to make in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. MacDonald attended a suspension hearing on 7 April 2011 following a request by the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police. Members decided that no action should be taken unless Mr. MacDonald was convicted of the charge against him.
- 3.4** At the meeting on 5 September 2012 it was noted that the pending case which the Police had referred to at the suspension hearing had proceeded to trial and had been part-heard. As the trial had been adjourned to 1 October 2012, it was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **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 31 October 2012.
- 4.2** The outcome of the court proceedings and 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, 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. Strategic Assessment**

9.1 In terms of the Council's Strategic Priorities, the purpose of licensing is to protect the welfare of the community, including vulnerable people.

Head of Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services

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**Appendices:** N/A.

**Background Papers:**

1. Application for renewal of Taxi /Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. John MacDonald, 40 Whitecrook Street, Clydebank, G81 1QR.
2. Letter dated 19 July 2012 from the Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
3. Letter to Mr. MacDonald dated 12 October 2012.

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**Wards Affected:** N/A.