

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. Ryan Martin, Flat G/2 18 Alsatian Avenue, Drumry, Clydebank G81 2NF.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Martin submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 8 March 2023.
- 3.2** Letters were received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 4 April 2023, the first of which submitted an objection in connection with the application. The second letter details a number of convictions deemed as 'protected' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as additional information in connection with the objection.

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** It will be a matter for the Committee to decide whether the applicant's 'protected' convictions should be disclosed and taken into consideration. It should be noted that protected convictions cannot be considered unless there is no other way of doing justice.
- 4.3** 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 neighbourhoods are safe, resilient and inclusive.

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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. Ryan Martin, Flat G/2 18 Alsatian Avenue, Drumry, Clydebank G81 2NF.
- 2.** Letters dated 4 April 2023 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. Martin dated 25 May 2023.

Wards Affected: N/A.