

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory

Licensing Committee – 4 December 2019

Subject: Application for renewal of a 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 Bingham, 22B Waulkingmill Road, Faifley, Clydebank G81 5AH.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Bingham submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 8 August 2019.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 28 August 2019 submitting a representation in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. Bingham's current Taxi Driver's/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence expired on 11 August 2019 however as the application for renewal was submitted prior to the expiry date, the licence remains valid until the application has been determined.
- 3.4** At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 23 October 2019, it was noted that the applicant was not present. It was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting in order that the applicant may be given a further opportunity to appear before the Committee.

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 December 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 renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. John Bingham, 22B Waulkingmill Road, Faifley, Clydebank G81 5AH.
- 2.** Letter dated 28 August 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.

3. Letter to Mr. Bingham dated 8 November 2019.

Wards Affected: N/A.