

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory**

**Licensing Committee – 4 December 2019**

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**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. George Spence, 3 Manse Court, Haldane, Balloch G83 8LT.

**2. Recommendations**

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

**3. Background**

- 3.1** Mr. Spence submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 17 October 2019.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 14 November 2019 submitting an objection in relation to the application.
- 3.3** Mr. Spence's is also subject to a separate report before the Committee to determine the possible suspension or revocation of his Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence which was continued from 5 September 2019.
- 3.4** The Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence currently held by Mr. Spence expired on 24 October 2019 however as an application for the renewal of the licence was submitted on 17 October 2019, Mr. Spence is permitted to continue to operate until the matters before the Committee are determined.

**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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Date 14 November 2019

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**Appendices:** N/A.

### **Background Papers:**

- 1.** Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. George Spence, 3 Manse Court, Haldane, Balloch G83 8LT.
- 2.** Letter dated 14 November 2019 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.

3. Letter to Mr. Spence dated 15 November 2019.

**Wards Affected:** N/A