

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration
Licensing Committee – 27 April 2022

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. Mark Winters, 8 Brisbane Street, Clydebank G81 4LP.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Winters submitted an application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 24 February 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 15 March 2022 submitting an objection in connection with the application.
- 3.3** Mr. Winters' current Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence has an expiry date of 13 March 2022.
- 3.4** At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 18 August 2021, Mr. Winters was the subject of hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence having received a request from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland. Following consideration, the Committee agreed that the alleged misconduct had not at that time been established, and pending court dates and the outcome, it would be brought back to the Committee if misconduct was established.
- 3.5** At the meeting on 27 April 2022 it was agreed that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Committee once further information was available.
- 3.6** The representative from the Police will be able to provide an update on the outcome of the court proceedings and the resultant sentence issued.

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 8 June 2022.

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.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Mark Winters, 8 Brisbane Street, Clydebank G81 4LP.
2. Letter dated 15 March 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L'

Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.

3. Letter to Mr. Winters dated 7 April 2022.
3. Letter to Mr. Winters dated 20 May 2022.

Wards Affected: N/A

