

Agenda

Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Time: 10:00

Format: Zoom Video Conference

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Dear Member

Please attend a remote meeting of **Licensing Committee** as detailed above.

The Convener has directed that the powers contained in Section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 will be used and so Members and parties to the proceedings will attend this meeting of the Licensing Committee remotely.

The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

JOYCE WHITE

Chief Executive

Distribution:

Councillor Jim Finn (Chair)
Councillor Karen Conaghan
Councillor Ian Dickson
Councillor Caroline McAllister
Councillor Jonathan McColl (Vice Chair)
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill
Councillor Brian Walker
Vacancy

All other Councillors for information.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022

AGENDA

1 STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the undernoted items of business on this agenda and, if so, state the reasons for such declarations.

4 RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee is asked to agree that all votes taken during the meeting will be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Submit for approval, as a correct record:-

- (a) the Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 2 February 2022;
- (b) the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 March 2022; and
- (c) the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 30 March 2022.

6 OPEN FORUM

The Committee is asked to note that no open forum questions have been submitted by members of the public.

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7 TAXI FARE REVIEW – CLYDEBANK ZONE 19 - 28

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing an update on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone.

8 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TEMPORARY TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE 29 - 30

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Christopher McKinlay
2 Keil Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4DX

8 February 2022

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Grant of a Temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

9 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE 31 - 32

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Mark Winters
8 Brisbane Street, Clydebank G81 4LP

24 February 2022

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Renewal of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

10 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE 33 - 34

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Anthony Black
5C Back Street, Renton, Dumbarton G82 4NG

27 January 2022

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

**11 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE
CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE**

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Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

Daniel Hegarty
10A Sutherland Drive, Dumbarton G82 3NT

9 March 2022

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Licensing Committee held via video conference on Wednesday, 2 February 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Jim Finn, Caroline McAllister and Lawrence O'Neill.

Attending: Peter Hessett, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing); Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer; and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Police Constable Raymond Borland, Police Scotland.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jonathan McColl.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Finn, Chair, welcomed all those present to the meeting which was being being audio streamed live to the internet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 1 December 2021 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising of the responses received to the consultation on the licensing of sexual entertainment venues and to determine whether a licensing regime should be introduced.

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that by failing to introduce a licensing regime, operators would be free to open Sexual Entertainment Venues across West Dunbartonshire without oversight by the Council; and
- (2) to resolve that, in terms of Section 45B of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, that Schedule 2 (as so modified) of said Act shall have effect in the West Dunbartonshire Council area in relation to sexual entertainment venues (SEV) with effect from 2 February 2022.

The Section Head (Licensing) advised that there would be a public consultation on a draft Policy Statement which would be brought back to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee for its consideration in due course.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing), the Committee gave consideration to passing the following resolution:-

“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.”

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor McAllister, moved that the Press and Public not be removed from the meeting as the detail within the exempt information should be heard within the public domain.

As an amendment Councillor Dickson, seconded by Councillor Conaghan, moved that Press and Public should be removed from the meeting, given that the Committee did not yet know the nature of the exempt convictions that would be disclosed in the public domain.

On a roll call vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment namely, Councillors Conaghan and Dickson, and 3 Members voted for the motion, namely Councillors Finn, Caroline McAllister and O'Neill and. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TEMPORARY TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE CONTINUED

Name and Address of Applicant

Date Applied

John Paul Hunter
Ladyton Estate
Bonhill
G83 9DJ

26 August 2021

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration concerning an Application for Grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence for the above named person.

The Committee heard from Police Constable Raymond Borland in relation to the letter which had been submitted by Police Scotland, and also the Section Head (Licensing) and the Senior Officer (Licensing Services).

The Committee then heard from Police Constable Raymond Borland with regard to the exempt convictions and in answer to Members' questions.

Mr Hunter was then given an opportunity to address the Committee in support of the application and was heard in answer to Members' questions.

DECIDED:-

After consideration, the Committee agreed that Mr Hunter's licence application be refused.

The meeting closed at 10.34 a.m.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held via video conference on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl, Lawrence O'Neill and Brian Walker.

Attending: Raymond Lynch, Section Head (Licensing); Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); Ashley MacIntyre and Lynn Straker, Committee Officers.

Also Attending: David Thomson and Kenny McSheaffrey, Representatives for Dumbarton and Alexandria Taxi Trade.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Caroline McAllister and Peter Hessett, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Finn, Chair, welcomed all those present to the meeting which was being held in hybrid format.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES AND CHARGES – DUMBARTON AND VALE OF LEVEN TAXI LICENSING ZONE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing an update on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

DECIDED:-

Having heard the Senior Officer (Licensing Services) in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the current level of fares and charges applicable to the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone be amended as follows:-
 - (i) initial flagfall increase (50p on Tariff 1, 60p on Tariff 2, 90p on Tariff 3, 90p on Tariff 4, £1.00 on Tariff 5 and £1.10 on Tariff 6);
 - (ii) running mile increase (10p on Tariff 1, 10p on Tariff 2, 30p on Tariff 3, 20p on Tariff 4, 20p on Tariff 5 and 40p on Tariff 6)
 - (iii) increase waiting time from £18.00 per hour to £24.00 per hour;
 - (iv) increase the soiling fee from £50 to £100; and
 - (v) include an extra charge within the fare chart stating:-

a charge equivalent to the initial flagfall on Tariff 1 shall be payable for a taxi booking made by telephone or via App and not cancelled before arrival when the taxi is no longer required.

- (2) that officers arrange for the advertisement of the fares and charges agreed by the Committee; and
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to conclude the review without the requirement for the Committee to consider a further report on the matter provided no objections or representations are received in relation to the proposal.

CONSULTATION WITH THE TAXI TRADE ON THE OPTION OF OFFERING A 2 – 3 YEAR TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration seeking authority to undertake a consultation with the taxi trade on the possibility of offering the option of a licence for a 1, 2 or 3 year period in the future.

DECIDED:-

Having heard the Section Head (Licensing) in further explanation of the report, and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a costings exercise will be carried out and thereafter consultation with the taxi trade with regard to offering the option of 1, 2 or 3 year licenses in the future for Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licences and the proposed fee for each option, with a report following to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (2) that the report to the Committee will include a breakdown of comparator costs and how this works out in terms of full cost recovery and any additional costs involved;
- (3) that officers will provide a detailed breakdown of costs and fees for other licence types; and
- (4) that there will be a separate costings exercise and consultation on whether the option of a 2 or 3 year licence are also offered for other licence types which currently only have the option of a 1 year duration under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, namely window cleaners and street trader employees.

The meeting closed at 2.21 p.m.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held via video conference on Wednesday, 30 March 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Jim Finn, Jonathan McColl and Lawrence O'Neill.

Attending: Nigel Ettles, Section Head – Litigation (Legal Officer); Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); Lynn Straker and Ashley MacIntyre, Committee Officers.

Also Attending: Mr William Keith Taylor, Applicant and Mr Kenneth Goodwin, Objector.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Caroline McAllister and Brian Walker and Peter Hessett, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration.

Councillor Jim Finn in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Finn, Chair, welcomed all those present to the meeting which was being held in hybrid format.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Councillor Finn advised that he had received a request from Councillor O'Neill for an urgent item of business to be considered in connection with a change to the policy currently in place relating to taxi fare reviews. The Committee agreed to accept the item and advised that it would be dealt with after the last item of business on the agenda.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TEMPORARY PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration providing an update on the application for grant of a temporary Public Entertainment Licence submitted by Mr. William Keith Taylor.

DECIDED:-

Having heard from the Section Head – Litigation (Legal Officer), the Senior Officer (Licensing Services), Mr Kenneth Goodwin, Objector and Mr William Keith Taylor, Applicant in further explanation of the report and in answers to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

To grant a temporary Public Entertainment Licence to Mr William Keith Taylor for the dates submitted:

Saturday 23 April 2022 to Monday 2 May 2022

Weekdays 4.00p.m. to 8.00p.m.

Weekends 1.00p.m. to 8.00p.m.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS POLICY AMENDMENT – TAXI FARE REVIEWS

Councillor O'Neill moved:-

Committee agrees to consult with the newly formed taxi trade association within Clydebank in future taxi fare reviews and remove the requirement to consult with individual operators both in the Clydebank zone and the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven zone which had previously been introduced in 2014.

DECIDED:-

Having heard the Senior Officer (Licensing Services) in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed the motion.

The meeting closed at 2.32 p.m.

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 27 April 2022

**Subject: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Review of Taxi Fares and Charges
Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To report to the Committee on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended:-

- (a) that the current level of fares and charges applicable to the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone be amended as follows:-

increase the flagfall on all tariffs by 30p;
increase the running mile by 10p on all tariffs;
Alter the wording under Tariff 3 to read:-
(between 9.00pm and 6.00am a 50p extra charge applies)
increase maximum soiling fee from £60 to £100
- (b) that officers arrange for the advertisement of the fares and charges agreed by the Committee; and
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Chief Officer – Regulatory & Regeneration, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to conclude the review without the requirement for the Committee to consider a further report on the matter provided no objections or representations are received in relation to the proposal.

3. Background

- 3.1** In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982, Licensing Authorities must fix scales for taxi fares and related charges within 18 months from the date on which the scales came into effect.
- 3.2** The fares and charges which are applicable to taxis operating within the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone have been in effect since 10 December 2021 and these are detailed at Appendix 1.
- 3.3** At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 30 March 2022,

Members decided to change the existing policy in relation to taxi fare reviews by removing the requirement to consult with each individual taxi operator but instead seek the views of the Clydebank Taxi Operators Group for future taxi fare reviews in the Clydebank zone.

- 3.4** On 31 March 2022 a submission was received from Mr. Kenneth McSheaffrey, Secretary of the Clydebank Taxi Operators Group, proposing amendments to the existing fare chart. Mr. McSheaffrey cited a downturn in revenue, rising fuel costs, higher insurance premiums and increasing costs for parts and labour as ongoing concerns for the taxi trade and these were the reasons for the request to increase the fares in such a relatively short timescale from the previous fare review.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** Having referred to the AA website which provides an average cost of fuel on a monthly basis for Scotland, it shows that in March 2022 the average cost of unleaded fuel was 162.8p per litre and 172.4p per litre for diesel. At the time when the last fare chart became effective in December 2021, the average cost of fuel in Scotland was 145.4p for unleaded petrol and 149.5 p for diesel. This represents an increase of 12% for unleaded fuel and 15.3% for diesel based on the difference in price when comparing the figures between December 2021 and March 2022.
- 4.2** It would be prudent to mention the current situation with international events at the time of writing this report and the knock on effect this may have on fuel prices as a consequence.
- 4.3** Taxi licence holders will incur other vehicle costs including tyres, service and MOT, labour and replacement parts, road tax, insurance, capital costs, vehicle depreciation and licence fees.
- 4.4** The last fare review for the Clydebank zone concluded in December 2021. The effect of this particular review saw the charge on the flagfall for each tariff rise by 30p.
- 4.5** At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 March 2022, Members decided to increase the maximum soiling fee within the fares and charges applicable to the Dumbarton & Vale of Leven zone and decided to increase the fee to a maximum of £100. In the interests of consistency it is recommended by Officers that the same level of fee be applicable in the Clydebank zone.
- 4.6** In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, before fixing any scales or carrying out any review the Licensing Authority are required to consult with persons or organisations appearing to be representative of operators of taxis within the area. For the purposes of this fare review the organisation is recognised as the Clydebank Taxi Operators Group.
- 4.7** Before fixing any scales or carrying out any review, in addition to consulting with persons or organisations appearing to be representative of operators of taxis within the area, the Licensing Authority is required:

- (a) to publish the proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in the area setting out the proposed scales, explaining the effect of the proposed scales and proposing a date on which the proposed scales are to come into effect;
- (b) to invite representations from any persons with respect to the proposals within a period of one month from the date of publication of the notice; and
- (c) to consider any such representations which have been duly lodged before a decision is taken on the matter.

4.8 It should be noted that if representations or objections to the proposals are received, a further report on the matter will require to be considered by the Committee. In addition, there is provision within the legislation for taxi operators within the area to appeal to the Traffic Commissioner against any decision of the licensing authority on the review of scales.

4.9 Should no objections or representations be received in relation to the proposals, in order to expedite matters, it is suggested that authority be delegated to the Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee to conclude the review without the requirement for the Committee to consider a further report.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues for the Council arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

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

The submission received from the Clydebanks Taxi Operators Group was in response to consultation with their members at a recent meeting of their organisation.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Date 6 April 2022

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Appendices

1. Current Fare Chart for Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone.
2. Email from Mr. Kenneth McSheaffrey, Secretary of Clydebank Taxi Operator's Group dated 31 March 2022
3. Proposed Fare Chart for Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Plate No. _____ Vehicle Registration Number _____

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Fare Chart (Effective from 1 December 2021)

CLYDEBANK ZONE

Tariff One

6.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. daily

For a distance not exceeding 5/11ths OF A MILE
or for waiting time not exceeding 3 minutes 45
seconds (or a combination of both).....£3.00
For each additional 1/17th OF A MILE.....£0.10

Tariff Two

9.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. daily
6.00 p.m. to 12 midnight on
Christmas Eve and 31st December

For a distance not exceeding
5/11ths OF A MILE.....£3.50
For each additional 1/18th OF A MILE.....£0.10

Tariff Three

Midnight on 24th December to
Midnight on 26th December and
Midnight on 31st December to
Midnight on 2nd January

For a distance not exceeding
5/11ths OF A MILE.....£4.50
For each additional 1/20th OF A MILE.....£0.10

Between 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. a 50p extra charge applies

Any hire terminating outwith the West Dunbartonshire area will be at a rate to be agreed at the time of hire.

Fares for Waiting

The driver is, in addition to the above, entitled to charge for waiting whether in one stoppage or in several stoppages as follows:

For each period of THIRTY SECONDS or part thereof.....£0.10

Extra Charges

A charge of £3.00 shall be payable for a taxi called by telephone or via App and not cancelled before arrival.

An additional charge of 10p shall be payable for each passenger beyond two.

Taxi drivers may add on any charge incurred at Glasgow Airport when either dropping off or picking up passengers. Drivers must make passengers aware in advance that extra charges may be added to the fare.

Soiling Fee

A maximum fee of £60.00 is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Proposed Fare Chart

CLYDEBANK ZONE

Tariff One

6.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. daily

For a distance not exceeding 5/11ths OF A MILE
or for waiting time not exceeding 3 minutes 45
seconds (or a combination of both).....£3.30
For each additional 1/18th OF A MILE.....£0.10

Tariff Two

9.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. daily
6.00 p.m. to 12 midnight on
Christmas Eve and 31st December

For a distance not exceeding
5/11ths OF A MILE.....£3.80
For each additional 1/19th OF A MILE.....£0.10

Tariff Three

Midnight on 24th December to
Midnight on 26th December and
Midnight on 31st December to
Midnight on 2nd January

For a distance not exceeding
5/11ths OF A MILE.....£4.80
For each additional 1/21st OF A MILE.....£0.10

Between 9.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. a 50p extra charge applies

Any hire terminating outwith the West Dunbartonshire area will be at a rate to be agreed at the time of hire.

Fares for Waiting

The driver is, in addition to the above, entitled to charge for waiting whether in one stoppage or in several stoppages as follows:

For each period of THIRTY SECONDS or part thereof.....£0.10

Extra Charges

A charge of £3.30 shall be payable for a taxi called by telephone or via App and not cancelled before arrival.

An additional charge of 10p shall be payable for each passenger beyond two.

Taxi drivers may add on any charge incurred at Glasgow Airport when either dropping off or picking up passengers. Drivers must make passengers aware in advance that extra charges may be added to the fare.

Soiling Fee

A maximum fee of £100.00 is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement.

Hi Bob

Clydebank Taxi Operators Group held a meeting on Monday 28 March 2022 at Clydebank Community Sports Hub.

The meeting follows a previous meeting from 7 March 2022 in which members discussed a fare increase due to rising costs.

On the night members called for a second meeting on 28 March 2022 to debate a possible fare increase.

We debated fully what the implications of any increase could have on our trade.

Members had highlighted that our trade, revenue and workforce have declined as a direct result of the pandemic.

They had sighted a downturn in revenue, rising fuel costs, higher insurance premiums and increasing costs for parts and labour as ongoing concerns affecting our trade. We heard various proposals for a fare increase from several members.

Proposal 1 : Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs.

Proposal 2 : Additional 20 pence increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

Proposal 3 : Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs. Also, an additional 10p increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

1 and 3 both had support and seconded on the night. Proposal 2 had no support in the hall. Members then voted on proposal 1 and 3, by a show of hands, which resulted in a majority of 66% voting for proposal 3.

This motion was carried as the official proposal of Clydebank Taxi Operators Group.

Additional 30 pence increase in the flag fall from £3.00 to £3.30 over all 3 Tariffs. Also an additional 10p increase in every running mile over all 3 Tariffs.

We would also ask that on the current Tariff Three the wording (Between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am a 50p extra charge applies) be changed to (Between 9.00 pm and 6.00 am a 50p extra charge applies) to bring this in line with the 9.00 pm Tariff Two wording.

Members felt this was a mistake not highlighted on the 1 December 2021 chart and brought confusion for the public and drivers.

We would hope this proposal can come before the Licensing Committee at the earliest opportunity as a matter of urgency for our members.

Clydebank Taxi Operators Group, as representatives of the trade in our area, are reluctant to pass on increased costs to our passengers but feel in this difficult economic climate that we can no longer absorb these inflated costs.

We acknowledge that our trade had taken a small rise back in November 2021 for the first time in 3 years but would ask that the escalating fuel costs be taken into consideration as the committee reaches a decision.

Regards

Kenny McSheaffrey
Secretary
Clydebank Taxi Operators Group.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 27 April 2022

Subject: Application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider an application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence submitted by Mr. Christopher McKinley, 2 Keil Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4DX.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. McKinley submitted an application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 8 February 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 15 March 2022 submitting a comment in connection with the application.

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 27 April 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

Date 1 April 2022

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

- 1.** Application for grant of a temporary Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Christopher McKinley, 2 Keil Crescent, Dumbarton G82 4DX.
- 2.** Letter dated 15 March 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
- 3.** Letter to Mr. McKinley dated 7 April 2022.

Wards Affected: N/A

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** The representative from the Police will be able to provide an update on the outcome of the court proceedings which took place on 1 April 2022.

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 27 April 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

Date 6 April 2022

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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.

Wards Affected: N/A

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 27 April 2022

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. Anthony Black, 5C Back Street, Renton, Dumbarton G82 4NG.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Black submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 27 January 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 21 February submitting a representation in connection with the application.

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 27 April 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

Date 1 April 2022

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Anthony Black, 5C Back Street, Renton, Dumbarton G82 4NG.
2. Letter dated 21 February 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
3. Letter to Mr. Black dated 7 April 2022.

Wards Affected: N/A

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

Licensing Committee – 27 April 2022

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. Daniel Hegarty, 10A Sutherland Drive, Dumbarton G82 3NT.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Background

- 3.1** Mr. Hegarty submitted an application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence to the Council on 9 March 2022.
- 3.2** A letter was received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 6 April 2022 submitting an objection in connection with the application.
- 3.3** A further letter received from the Chief Constable of the Police authority on 6 April 2022 details a number of convictions deemed as 'protected' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

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 27 April 2022.
- 4.2** 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.

Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration

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Appendices: N/A.

Background Papers:

1. Application for grant of a Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver's Licence from Mr. Daniel Hegarty, 10A Sutherland Drive, Dumbarton G82 3NT.
2. Letters dated 6 April 2022 from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 'L' Divisional Headquarters, Stirling Road, Dumbarton G82 3PT.
3. Letter to Mr. Hegarty dated 7 April 2022.

Wards Affected: N/A