

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 4 February 2014

Agenda Item	8A.1
Report No	HLC/006/14

Application for the Grant of a Taxi Operator's Licence – Christopher McIntosh (Ward 15 – Inverness Central)

Report by the Legal Manager

Summary

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence.

1.0 Background

- 1.1** The Highland Council has resolved that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 a licence will be required for the operation of a licensed taxi. A licence for the same is issued by the Highland Council and is valid for the whole Council Area.

2.0 Application

- 2.1** On 12 August 2013 an application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence was received from Mr Christopher McIntosh.
- 2.2** In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 an application requires to be determined within 6 months of it being received.

3.0 Process

- 3.1** Following receipt of the application a copy of the same was circulated to the following Agencies/Services for consultation:

- Police Scotland
- Highland Council Trading Standards Service

- 3.2** There have been no objections received in relation to the application.

4.0 Additional Requirements

- 4.1** Any vehicle which is proposed to be used as a taxi requires to undergo and pass the Council's taxi inspection by the appointed contractor and also have the taximeter tested and sealed by the Council's Trading Standards Service. Copies of insurance, MOT and vehicle registration documents also require to be submitted.

- 4.2 Mr McIntosh has advised that the vehicle which he originally proposed to operate as a taxi is not now going to be used.
- 4.3 He has also advised that, at the time of writing the Report, he does not have another vehicle which he wishes to license.
- 4.4 In view of this the Legal Manager is not in a position to grant the application as the criteria have not been fully met.

5.0 **Policies**

- 5.1 The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard Taxi Operator's Licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/licensing/civicgovernmentlicensing or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

6.0 **Determination period**

- 6.1 As detailed above in paragraph 2.2 the Council have until 12 February 2014 to determine the application. Failure to determine within this period would result in the application being granted for a period of 1 year.

7.0 **Recommendation**

- 7.1 The Committee is invited to determine the application.

Designation: Legal Manager

Officer Reference: Michael Elsey

Date: 10 January 2014

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982