

Agenda Item	<b>9.1</b>
Report No	<b>HLC/092/14</b>

**Application for the Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence – Jena Robyn McLean**

**Report by the Legal Manager**

**Summary**

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

This item is subject to a formal hearing procedure.

**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 driving 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 7 July 2014 an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence was received from Jena R McLean, 20 Castle Terrace, Thurso.

**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** No representations were received in respect of the application.

**4.0 Taxi Driver's Knowledge Test**

**4.1** As part of the application process all applicants for taxi driver's licences must pass a knowledge test. The knowledge test consists of two sections and the applicant must pass both sections. The first section is a multiple choice paper on general knowledge in relation to highway code, landmarks etc in Highland and shortest routes between 2 locations in Highland. The second section consists of a written test in relation to the local Caithness area and includes questions on shortest routes between 2 locations within that area and the locations of local landmarks etc. Applicants are permitted to sit three attempts at the knowledge test.

**4.2** Ms McLean has sat one set of test papers and has failed these. She received 64% on the general knowledge section and 44% on the local section. The pass mark is 85%. She has been offered to sit the permitted two further attempts prior to the Committee meeting.

## **5.0 Determination of Application**

**5.1** Under Section 3(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the application requires to be determined within six months, ie 7 January 2015.

## **6.0 Policies**

**6.1** The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard Taxi Driver's Licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at [www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/licensing/civicgovernmentlicensing](http://www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/licensing/civicgovernmentlicensing) or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

## **7.0 Recommendation**

**7.1** The Committee is invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

Designation: Legal Manager  
Officer Reference: G Sutherland  
Date: 24 November 2014

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Appendix: None