

Agenda Item	7.1
Report No	HLB/093/15

**Application for the Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence – Gordon MacDonald (Ward 15 – Inverness Central)**

**Report by the Legal Manager**

**Summary**

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a taxi driver'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 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 28 May 2015 an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence was received from Mr Gordon McDonald.
- 2.2** In terms of the abovementioned Act the Licensing Authority have six months from receipt of the application to determine the same, therefore this application must be determined by 28 November 2015. Failure to determine the application by this time would result in the application being subject of a 'deemed grant' which means that a licence would require to be issued to Mr McDonald for a period of 1 year.

**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** Both Agencies/Services have confirmed that they have no objections to the application.

**4.0 Taxi Driver's Knowledge Test**

- 4.1** Mr McDonald has not yet passed the Council's taxi driver's knowledge test.

**4.2** The application therefore cannot be determined under delegated powers and is therefore before the Committee as this is the last meeting before the determination period expires.

## **5.0 Policies**

**5.1** 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.

<b>6.0 Recommendation</b>
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<b>6.1</b> The Committee is invited to determine the application.
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Designation: Legal Manager

Officer Reference: Michael Elsey

Date: 8 October 2015

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982