

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 6 December 2016

Agenda Item	8.2
Report No	HLC/091/16

Application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence – Callum Train (Ward -19 – Nairn)

Report by the Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services

Summary

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a taxi operator'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 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 16 June 2016 an application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence was received from Mr Callum Train.

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 15 December 2016. 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 Train 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 vehicle requirements and documentation

4.1 The vehicle has passed its Council inspection and the meter has been tested and sealed by Trading Standards.

4.2 The applicant has still to submit a current MOT, insurance certificate and V5 registration document.

4.3 At the time of writing the applicant has been unable to submit a copy of the insurance certificate showing public hire in relation to the vehicle.

4.3 In view of the above the Principal Solicitor is unable to issue the application under delegated powers.

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 http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1125/licences_permits_and_permissions/302/taxi_licence

or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

6.0 Recommendation

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

Officer Reference: Michael Elsey

Date: 21 November 2016

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982