

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 28 March 2017

Agenda Item	13.1
Report No	HLC/028/17

Application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence – Imran Ahmed (Ward 10 – Black Isle)

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 1 December 2016 an application for the grant of a taxi operator's licence was received from Mr Imran Ahmed.

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 Community Services (Trading Standards)

There have been no objections/representations received from Police Scotland Community Services (Trading Standards).

4.0 Taxi vehicle requirements and documentation

4.1 Applicants for a taxi operator's licence are required to present their vehicle for inspection and to hold vehicle registration, insurance and MOT (where applicable) documentation and to present the documentation to the licensing authority before their licence can be issued.

4.2 Despite several attempts to contact Mr Ahmed by telephone and letter in respect of these requirements, Mr Ahmed has failed to respond or submit the required documentation and failed to attend the vehicle inspection appointment made for him on 23 February 2017.

4.3 The application accordingly cannot be issued by the Principal Solicitor 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/downloads/file/3516/taxi_operator_conditions_of_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: Angela Mair

Date: 14 March 2017

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982