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Report No	HLC/171/25

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **02 December 2025**

Report title: **Applications for the grant or renewal of licences
Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982**

Report by: **The Acting Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services**

1.0 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This Report relates to applications which are currently pending for the grant or renewal of licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

2. Recommendation

- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee agree to defer the determination of the foregoing applications, either:
- (a) to allow them to be approved under delegated powers in the event that no objections/representations are received and all outstanding documentation has been received from the applicants; or
 - (b) to a future meeting of the Committee when the applications will be determined in terms of the hearings procedure.

3.0 Background

3.1 In terms of Section 3(1) of the abovementioned Act all applications require to be determined within 9 months of their application date otherwise the licences will be granted unconditionally for a period of 12 months. Furthermore all applications which have not been dealt with within 3 months must be submitted to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

3.2 The Committee is invited to consider the following applications which are currently pending:-

4.0	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
4.1	Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland	Public Entertainment – Dornoch Cathedral, High Street, Dornoch	Awaiting consultee responses and documentation
4.2	Diageo Scotland Limited	Market Operator - Clynelish & Brora Distillery, Brora	Awaiting consultee responses and documentation

5.0	Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
5.1	Culcabock and Drakies Community Hall, Grebe Avenue, Inverness	Public Entertainment	Awaiting documents from applicants
5.2	Pierced By Sophie, Ground Floor 1 Ardross Street, Inverness	Skin Piercing & Tattooing	Awaiting documents from applicants and consultee responses
5.3	Muhammad Sajjad	Private Hire Car Driver	Applicant still to undergo right to work check
5.4	Blackbird Tattoo, First Floor, 46 Church Street, Inverness	Skin Piercing & Tattooing	Awaiting documents from applicants and consultee responses
5.5	Kazimierz Frackowski	Private Hire Car Driver	Ready to issue
5.6	Mirel Zidaru	Taxi Driver	Applicant still to sit and pass the taxi driver's knowledge test.
5.7	Zohaib Ahmed	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting documents from the applicant
5.8	Arfan Ali	Private Hire Care Driver	Awaiting documents from the applicant.
5.9	Jonathan Ronald	Taxi Driver	Awaiting document from applicant
5.10	Cawdor Community Association	Public Entertainment Cawdor Community Centre, Cawdor	Awaiting document from applicant and consultee responses

6.0	Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
6.1	Resolis Memorial Hall Management Committee	Public Entertainment for Resolis Memorial Hall Community Centre	Awaiting responses
6.2	1 st Avoch Sea Scouts	Public Entertainment for Avoch Sea Scouts Training and Community Centre	Awaiting document and response
6.3	Tesco Stores Limited	Late Hours Catering for Tesco Dingwall	Awaiting responses
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6.5	Derek Reid	Street Trader	Awaiting EH response
6.6	Robert Watson	Taxi Operator	Awaiting documents from the applicant
6.7	John Cameron	Taxi Driver	Awaiting documents from the applicant
6.8	David Craig	Taxi Driver	Awaiting documents from the applicant
6.9	Management Committee Spean Bridge Community Centre	Public Entertainment	Awaiting documents from the applicant

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982