

Agenda Item	5
Report No	HLC/18/26

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **24 February 2026**

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

Report by: **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	Kevin Busby	Private Hire Operator	Applicant still to purchase vehicle, provide vehicle documents and vehicle to pass inspection
4.2	Patricia Brooks	Knife Dealer – Harpers Fly Fishing Shop, 57 High Street, Thurso	Awaiting certificate of compliance
4.3	North Coast Cars Ltd	Second Hand Motor Dealer – North Coast Cars Ltd, Church Street, Dornoch	Awaiting consultee responses
4.4	Highland Vehicle Services Ltd	Second Hand Motor Dealer - Highland Vehicle Services Ltd, Bonar Bridge	Awaiting consultee responses and documentation
4.5	Timespan Heritage and Arts Society	Timespan, Helmsdale	Awaiting consultees responses and documentation from applicant
4.6	Elaine Miller	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee responses
4.7	Paul McGlynn	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee responses
4.8	Raj Chima	Window Cleaner	Awaiting insurance documentation

5.0	Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
5.1	Hiwa Saed	Taxi Driver	Awaiting taxi knowledge test
5.2	Raheel Zeb	Taxi Driver	Awaiting taxi knowledge test
5.3	Ashley Kemp	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee response
5.4	Mohammed Zakir	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting right to work

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5.5	Rachael Andrew	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at Rumours Salon LTD 14, Union Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents and consultee responses
5.6	Ana Ramirez	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at Pierced by Sophie Ground Floor 1, Ardross Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.7	Homebridge Two Limited	House in Multiple Occupation at 4 Fraser Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents and consultee responses
5.8	Pipoca Fitness Ltd	Public Entertainment at Anytime Fitness, 26a Harbour Road, Inverness	Awaiting further documents and consultee responses
5.9	Visit Inverness Loch Ness	Market Operator at Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.10	Aviemore Kart Raceway	Public Entertainment at Aviemore Kart Raceway, Granish, Aviemore	Awaiting further document and consultee response

6.0	Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
6.1	Aultbea Community Hub	Public Entertainment	Awaiting responses
6.2	Lochcarron Village Hall Association	Public Entertainment	Awaiting responses
6.3	Carron MacKinnon	Taxi Driver Licence	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test
6.4	Robert Watson	Taxi Driver Licence	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test and photograph
6.5	Strontian Village Hall Committee	Public Entertainment Licence	Awaiting supporting documents
6.6	Zsolt Galfi	Street Trader Licence	Awaiting supporting documents

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982