

Agenda item	<b>11.1</b>
Report no	<b>HLC/54/26</b>

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee: THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 12 May 2026**

**Report title: Application for the grant of a street trader licence – Rebecca MacDonald (Ward 9 – Black Isle)**

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

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report relates to an application for the grant of a street trader licence.  
This item is subject to a formal hearing procedure.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members are asked to determine the application in accordance with the Council's hearings procedure.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Highland Council has resolved that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (“the Act”) a licence will be required for carrying on a business as a street trader. As the licence is issued to an individual each trader requires their own licence.

### **4. Application**

4.1 On 22 August 2025 an application for the grant of a street trader licence was received from Rebecca MacDonald in respect of selling hot food and drinks from various locations.

4.2 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (the Act) the Licensing Authority have nine months from receipt of the application to determine the same, therefore this application must be determined by 21 May 2026. 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 for a period of 1 year. The application is before this Committee as this is the last meeting before the determination date expires.

### **5. Process**

5.1 Following receipt of the application, a copy of the same was circulated to the following Agencies/Services for consultation:

- Police Scotland
- Community Services - Environmental Health

5.1 On 27 August 2025 Police Scotland confirmed that they had no objections to the grant of the licence

5.2 Community Services – Environmental Health have been trying to contact the applicant to arrange a site visit to inspect the vehicle. Licensing have also been trying to contact the applicant. At the time of writing, neither have received a response from the applicant.

### **6. Determining issues**

6.1 Paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 states that a licensing authority may refuse an application to grant or renew a licence where:

- (a) the applicant or anyone else detailed on the application is not a fit and proper person;
- (b) the activity would be carried out by a person other than the applicant who, if he had made the application himself, would have been refused;
- (c) where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to
  - (i) the location, character or condition of premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel,
  - (ii) the nature and extent of the proposed activity,
  - (iii) the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel,
  - (iv) the possibility of undue public nuisance, or
  - (v) public order or public safety; or

(d) there is other good reason for refusing the application.

If required the Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services will offer particular advice on the criteria relating to this particular application.

6.2 A copy of this report has been sent to the applicant and Environmental Health who have both been invited to attend and both will be provided with an opportunity to be heard by the Committee. They have also been advised of the procedure which will be followed at the meeting.

## **7. Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

Date: 21 April 2026

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982