

Agenda Item	5
Report No	HLC/83/26

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **04 August 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	Skerray Village Hall	Public Entertainment – Skerray Village Hall, Skerray	Awaiting consultees responses
4.2	Robert Barnetson	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee response
4.3	Rahman Arafatur	Street Trader Employee	Awaiting consultee response
4.4	Ibrahim Ahmad	Street Trader Employee	Awaiting consultee response
4.5	Irene Forsyth	Public Entertainment – Tan2ways, Smith Terrace, Wick	Awaiting consultee response and further documents
4.6	Katrona Mackenzie	Street Trader	Awaiting documents

5.0	Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
5.1	Neil Budge	Taxi Driver	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test
5.2	Thamim Ahmod	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Foreign Conviction Check and Right to Work check
5.3	Juliette Lowe	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at Kinmylies Therapy Centre	Awaiting consultee response
5.4	Michael William Horne	Taxi Driver	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test
5.5	Anna Stepanchenko	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at Blend Salon Inverness 79, Kenneth Street	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
5.6	Marley Bennett	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at Instinct Waverley Care 34 Waterloo Place	Awaiting further documents
5.7	Fine Line Beauty (By Sam) Ltd	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at 42 Culcabock Road, Inverness	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents

5.8	Neil John Budge	Taxi Operator	Awaiting inspection and meter test
5.9	RC Diocese of Aberdeen	House in Multiple Occupation at St Marys, 30 Huntly Street Inverness	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
5.10	Tomasz Henryk Sniegula	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Right to Work check
5.11	Kingsmills Hotel (Inverness) LTD	House in Multiple Occupation at Kingsmills, Damfield Road, Inverness	Awaiting further information
5.12	Stephen Stewart Custerson	Taxi Driver	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test
5.13	Mr Walid Eladl	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee response
5.14	Highland Council	House in Multiple Occupation at Saorsa, 41-43 Mile End Place, Inverness	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
5.15	Strathspey Farmers Club	Public Entertainment at Grantown Show, Heathfield Park, Cromdale Road, Grantown on Spey	Awaiting consultee responses
5.16	Ian Betteridge	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Right to Work check

6.0	Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
6.1	Gairloch Highland Gathering	Public Entertainment for Sands Caravan & Camping Park, Gairloch	Awaiting responses
6.2	Portree Community Centre	Public Entertainment	Awaiting consultee responses and certificate of compliance
6.3	Andrew Donaldson	Taxi Driver	Awaiting Taxi Knowledge Test
6.4	Amanda Henderson	House in Multiple Occupation at 19 Grange Terrace, Fort Willaim	Awaiting consultee responses and certificate of compliance
6.5	Freedom Hotels West Limited	House in Multiple Occupation at Glengorm 2, Ballachulish Hotel	Awaiting consultee responses and certificate of compliance

6.6	Freedom Hotels West Limited	House in Multiple Occupation at Rosslinnhe Cottage, Ballachulish Hotel	Awaiting consultee responses and certificate of compliance
6.7	Roy Bridge Memorial Hall Management Committee	Public Entertainment at Roy Bridge Memorial Hall	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
6.8	Glenug Community Association	Public Entertainment at Glenug Hall	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
6.9	Black Sheep Farms Limited	Public Entertainment at Halcyon Farm	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
6.10	Lochaber Agricultural Society	Public Entertainment at The Show Field, Inverlochy castle farm	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
6.11	Veronika Juranova	Street Trader	Awaiting EICR
6.12	Ben Mcphee	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents
6.13	Chelsee Lauder	Skin piercing & Tattooing licence	Awaiting consultee responses and further documents

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982