

Agenda Item	5
Report No	HLC/91/26

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **15 September 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	Ian Ross	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting documents
4.2	Ian Ross	Private hire Car Operator	Awaiting documents
4.3	Highlife Highland	Public Entertainment Licence – Variation – Invergordon Leisure Centre, Academy Road, Invergordon	Awaiting consultee responses
4.4	Highlife Highland	Public Entertainment Licence – Variation – Avern Leisure Centre, High Street, Alness	Awaiting consultee responses
4.5	Highlife Highland	Public Entertainment Licence – Variation – Alness Leisure Centre, Dalmore Road, Alness	Awaiting consultee responses
4.6	Dornoch Highland Games	Public Entertainment Licence – Renewal – Meadows Park, Dornoch	Awaiting consultees response and documentation
4.7	Dunbeath Hall Committee	Public Entertainment – Dunbeath Community Centre, Dunbeath	Awaiting consultee responses
4.8	Sally Smart	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee responses and applicant to provide ID photo
4.9	James Riddell	Metal Dealer – Mossy Garage, Quarryside, Castletown	Awaiting satisfactory certificate of compliance

5.0	Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
5.1	Louise Wilson	Skin Piercing and Tattooing at Unit 13, Dalfaber Industrial Estate, Aviemore	Consultee response and documentation
5.2	Grantown on Spey YMCA Community Centre	Public Entertainment at Grantown on Spey YMCA Community Centre, 80 High Street, Grantown on Spey	Consultee responses and documentation
5.3	FineLine Beauty by Sam Ltd	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at 42 Culcabock Road, Inverness	Awaiting consultee responses
5.4	Olaoluwa Shola Thompson	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Right to Work Check
5.5	Caledonian Concepts Ltd	Public Entertainment at Loch Ness Marathon, Eden Court Event Village, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.6	Zeshan Barki	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Right to Work Check
5.7	Joseph Mooney	Taxi driver	Awaiting taxi knowledge test
5.8	Frazer Cameron Hill	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting meter test
5.9	Esmatullah Hanif	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting Right to Work Check
5.10	John Strachan	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting vehicle inspection and meter test
5.11	Dores Parish Hall	Public Entertainment at Dores Parish Hall	Awaiting additional documents
5.12	Superdrug	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at 5A Inverness Retail Park	Awaiting consultee responses

6.0	Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area		
	Name of applicant	Type of licence	Current status
6.1	Strathpeffer Highland Gathering	Public Entertainment for Strathpeffer Shinty Field	Awaiting documents and responses
6.2	Black Sheep Farms Ltd	Public Entertainment	Awaiting additional documents
6.3	Brandon Holding	Window Cleaner	Waiting photo for ID badge
6.4	Syed M Hossain	Taxi Operator	Awaiting documents.
6.5	Highlife Highland	Public Entertainment Licence – Lochaber Leisure Centre,	Awaiting documents
6.6	National Trust for	HMO – 2 Slatlach,	Awaiting documents.

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982