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Report No	**HLC/131/26**

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **01 December 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	Zoe Sutherland	Street Trader	Awaiting consultee responses
4.2	Britannia Hall	Public Entertainment – Britannia Hall, Dunnet	Awaiting further documents and consultee responses

5.0	**Inverness, Nairn and Badenoch Area**		
	Name of applicant	**Type of licence**	**Current status**
5.1	Masrum Miah	Taxi Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.2	Ying Kit Wu	House in Multiple Occupation at 13 Kenneth Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.3	Sonal Gupta	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.4	Ness Walk Ltd	House in Multiple Occupation at 3 Ballifeary Lane, Invermess	Awaiting further documents
5.5	Ericka Murchison	Market Operator for Moray Markets at Inverness Leisure Centre, Bught Lane, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.6	Amin Sohrab Sourov	Taxi Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.7	Abdalla Kiedthy	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents
5.8	William Mackenzie	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting further documents
5.9	Scott Andrew Russell	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.10	Pure Gym Ltd	Public Entertainment at Inshes Retail Park, Sir Walter Scott Drive, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.11	Rijvan Amin	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting vehicle inspection and meter test

5.12	Anna Monika Skorupka	Private Hire Car Operator	Awaiting further documents
5.13	Nouman Waqar	Taxi Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.14	Mohammed Uddin	Taxi Operator	Awaiting further documents
5.15	Mohammed Uddin	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents
5.16	Marian Dumitrovici	Private Hire Car Driver	Awaiting right to work check
5.17	Ewen Gillies	House in Multiple Occupation at 64 Kenneth Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.18	Extreme Tattoo LLP	Skin Piercing & Tattooing at 5-7 Tomnahurich Street, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.19	Domingos Moreira	Taxi Driver	Awaiting right to work check
5.20	Albyn Housing Society	House in Multiple Occupation at 28 King Brude Gardens, Inverness	Awaiting further documents
5.21	Komru Miah	Taxi Driver	Awaiting knowledge test
5.22	Kincraig Community Hall Association	Public Entertainment at Kincraig Community Hall, Suidhe Crescent, Kincraig	Awaiting consultee responses and documents
5.23	Aaron Doran	Taxi Operator	Awaiting further documents
5.24	Billy Hutcheon	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents, knowledge test and right to work check

6.0	**Ross, Skye and Lochaber Area**		
	Name of applicant	**Type of licence**	**Current status**
6.1	Strathpeffer Community Development Trust	Public Entertainment for Strathpeffer Community Centre	Awaiting responses
6.2	Peter Donaldson	Taxi Operator	Awaiting further documents
6.3	Peter Donaldson	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents
6.4	Alastair Cochrane	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents
6.5	Alison Forrest	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further documents and to undertake knowledge test
6.6	John McConnell	Taxi Driver	Awaiting further

			documents
6.7	Highlife Highland	Public Entertainment – Lochaber High School Sports Department	Awaiting further documents

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982