

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 12 August 2014

Agenda Item	10.1
Report No	HLC/051/14

Application for the Grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence – Ronald C Bremner

Report by the Legal Manager

Summary

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence.

This item is subject to a formal hearing procedure.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Highland Council has resolved that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 a licence will be required for the driving of a licensed taxi. A licence for the same is issued by the Highland Council and is valid for the whole Council Area.

2.0 Application

2.1 On 22 May 2014 an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence was received from Mr Ronald C Bremner, 13 Strathmore Road, Thurso.

3.0 Process

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

- Police Scotland
- Highland Council Trading Standards Service

3.2 No representations were received in respect of the application.

3.3 All applicants over 65 years of age must pass a yearly taxi medical examination to PSV standard to ascertain their fitness to drive taxis. Mr Bremner has satisfactorily passed his medical examination.

4.0 Taxi Driver's Knowledge Test

4.1 As part of the application process all applicants for taxi driver's licences must pass a knowledge test. The knowledge test consists of two sections and the applicant must pass both sections. The first section is a multiple choice paper on general knowledge in relation to highway code, landmarks etc in Highland

and shortest routes between 2 locations in Highland. The second section consists of a written test in relation to the local Caithness area and includes questions on shortest routes between 2 locations within that area and the locations of local landmarks etc.

4.2 Mr Bremner has passed the local section of the knowledge test, but has not passed the general knowledge section, having undertaken the three permitted attempts. He received 75%, 58% and 69% on the three papers that he has sat. The pass mark is 85%.

5.0 Determination of Application

5.1 Under Section 3(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the application requires to be determined within six months, ie 22 November 2014.

6.0 Policies

6.1 The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard Taxi Driver's Licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at www.highland.gov.uk/businessinformation/licensing/civicgovernmentlicensing or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

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Date: 28 July 2014

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Appendix: None