

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 3 February 2015

Agenda Item	8.1
Report No	HLC/007/15

Application for the Grant of a Street Trader's Licence – James Aitken (Ward 15 – Inverness Central)

Report by the Legal Manager

Summary

This Report relates to an application for the grant of a Street Trader's licence.

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 carrying out the activity of street trading.

2.0 Application

2.1 On 1 December 2014 an application for the grant of a street trader's licence was received from James Aitken.

2.2 The application is in respect of the distribution of leaflets and sale of tours (using a vehicle) around Inverness and surrounding area around the area of the tourist information centre on Castle Wynd and on High Street, Inverness.

2.3 There is currently one other street trader who is permitted to sell tours within the City Centre.

2.4 Condition 8 of the standard street trader's licence conditions states that a street trader shall not carry on business within 25 metres of another street trader, dealing in goods or services of a similar class or description, unless he/she has the agreement of the other street trader.

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 Environmental Health Service
- Community Services (Roads)

3.2 There have been no objections/representations received in relation to this application.

3.3 The Council's Community Services have advised that they have no objection providing that no table or stall is located on the public thoroughfare.

4.0 Policy

4.1 In terms of the street trader's licensing policy where an application is received where the applicant wishes to trade within the Inverness City Centre as defined by the attached plan contained in Appendix 1, then the application requires to be referred to the Highland Licensing Committee for determination.

5.0 Policies

5.1 The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard Street Traders Licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1125/licences_permits_and_permissions/300/trade_and_industry_licences/7

or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 The Committee is invited to determine the application.

Designation: Legal Manager

Officer Reference: Michael Elsey

Date: 8 January 2015

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Appendix 1: Plan of Inverness City Centre

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