

The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting - 6 January 2017

Agenda Item	6.1
Report No	HLC/003/17

Application for the grant of a private hire car operator's licence – Michael Grant (Ward -19 – Nairn)

Report by the Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services

Summary

This report relates to an application for the grant of a private hire car operator'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 operation of a licensed private hire car. 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 26 July 2016 an application for the grant of a private hire car operator's licence was received from Mr Michael Grant.

2.2 In terms of the abovementioned Act the licensing authority have six months from receipt of the application to determine the same, therefore this application must be determined by 25 January 2017. Failure to determine the application by this time would result in the application being subject of a 'deemed grant' which means that a licence would require to be issued to Mr Grant for a period of 1 year.

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 Both Agencies/Services have confirmed that they have no objections to the application.

4.0 Private Hire Car Vehicle Requirements and Documentation

4.1 The vehicle to be operated must pass the Council's inspection test, and the meter (if any) must be tested. The applicant has to submit current MOT, insurance and V5 registration documents.

4.2 At the time of writing the applicant still has to purchase a vehicle so no tests can be carried out or documentation submitted. The applicant has advised that he will be purchasing a vehicle in January 2017.

4.3 In view of the above the Principal Solicitor is unable to issue the application under delegated powers.

5.0 Policies

5.1 The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard PHC operator's Licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1125/licences_permits_and_permissions/302/taxi_licence

or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

6.0 Recommendation

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

Officer Reference: Susan Grant

Date: 9 December 2016

Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982