

Agenda item	<b>9.1</b>
Report no	<b>HLC/039/24</b>

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee: THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 07 May 2024**

**Report title: Application for the renewal of a market operator's licence – Exclusively Highlands for the premises Wildwoodz Activity Park, Littleburn, By Munloch (Ward 9 – Black Isle)**

**Report by: The Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services**

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

**Market operator**

**1.1** This report relates to an application for the renewal of a market operator's licence.

This item is subject to a formal hearing procedure.

**2. Recommendation**

**2.1** Members are invited to determine the applications in accordance with the hearings procedure.

**3. Background**

**3.1** The Highland Council has resolved that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("the Act") a licence will be required for carrying on a business as a market operator.

#### **4. Application**

- 4.1** On 11 September 2023 a valid application for the renewal of a market operator's licence was received from Exclusively Highlands for the markets held at Wildwoodz Activity Park, Littleburn, By Munloch.
- 4.2** The application was circulated to Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Building Standards, Community Services (Environmental Health), Community Services (Roads) and Planning.
- 4.3** No objections have been received from the Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Community Services (Environmental Health), Community Services (Roads) and Planning.
- 4.4** Building Standards cannot confirm they have no objections until required works are notified as completed, have been inspected, and the Completion Acceptance has been issued for buildings on site used by the market operator.
- 4.5** At the time of writing this report, the completion certificate had not yet been issued.

#### **5. Process**

- 5.1** In terms of the abovementioned Act, the Licensing Authority have nine months from receipt of the application to determine the same, therefore this application must be determined by 10 June 2-24. 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 Exclusively Highlands for a period of 12 months. The application is before this Committee as this is the last meeting before the determination date expires.

#### **6. Determining issues**

- 6.1** Paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 states that a licensing authority may refuse an application to grant or renew a licence where:
- (a) the applicant or anyone else detailed on the application is not a fit and proper person;
  - (b) the activity would be carried out by a person other than the applicant who, if he had made the application himself, would have been refused;
  - (c) where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to
    - (i) the location, character or condition of premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel,
    - (ii) the nature and extent of the proposed activity,
    - (iii) the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel,
    - (iv) the possibility of undue public nuisance, or
    - (v) public order or public safety; or

(d) there is other good reason for refusing the application.

**6.2** If required the Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services will offer particular advice on the criteria relating to this particular application.

**6.3** A copy of this report has been sent to the applicant who, in the terms of paragraph 4(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, has been invited to attend and will be provided with an opportunity to be heard by the Committee. They have also been advised of the procedure which will be followed at the meeting.

## **7. Policies**

**7.1** The following policies are relevant to this application:

Market operator licence conditions.

A copy of these can accessed at

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/3535/street\\_trader\\_conditions\\_of\\_licence](https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/3535/street_trader_conditions_of_licence)

or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

## **8. Implications**

**8.1** Not applicable.

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Background Papers: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982