



AGENDA ITEM

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KNOWLEDGE TEST FAILURE

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: KNOWLEDGE TEST FAILURE
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 15 June 2016
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE

- 1.1 Mr Alan Adams submitted an application for a new taxi driver on 25 January 2016. His application must be considered before 24 July 2016. The applicant sat the knowledge test on 17 March and attained 73%. He sat the test on 31 March and attained 72%. The applicant was invited to sit the test on 21 April and attained 67%. The applicant was afforded a fourth opportunity by officers to sit and pass the knowledge test on 6 May, however he failed to attend and did not advise that he was unavailable. The applicant was then given a fifth opportunity by officers to sit and pass the knowledge test on 26 May and he attained 63%
- 1.2 It is the view of officers that the applicant has little prospect of passing the knowledge test and would recommend that the Committee consider refusing the application on the basis that the applicant has not sat and passed the knowledge test.
- 1.3 The applicant has not been invited to sit a medical as yet.
- 1.4 Mr Adams was written to and advised of the report before Members. The letter explained that he could submit a letter in support of the application which would form part of the report. No letter has been received.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the terms of the report.

The options available to the Members are:-

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- (a) to refuse to grant the TAXI DRIVER licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 13 (5) on the grounds that the applicants, having failed to pass the knowledge test, have failed to satisfy the Authority that they had adequate knowledge of the area to which the licence relates and the layout of roads in the area.; or

- (b) if Members are satisfied that there are other relevant circumstances that warrant a departure from policy, to instruct officers to arrange for the applicant to undertake a medical; and should they fail the medical to remit the matter back to Committee for consideration; should the applicant pass the medical, to authorise the Chief Governance Officer to grant the TAXI DRIVER licence.

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Chief Governance Officer
Date: 6 June 2016

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None