

Falkirk Council

Title: Decisions taken under delegated powers
Meeting: Executive
Date: 16 August 2016
Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive of decisions taken during the summer recess under delegated powers during the summer recess.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **The Executive is asked to note the decisions taken by the Director of Development Services and Chief Governance Officer under delegated powers during the summer recess.**

3. Background

3.1 Three decisions were taken using delegated authority. These were-

Decision taken	Chief Officer
Award of contract in respect of upgrading works to 100 residential properties in the Grangemouth area.	Director of Development Services
Variation of a taxi licence due to the replacement of a vehicle.	Chief Governance Officer
Grant of 4 new private hire car operator licences.	Chief Governance Officer

Director of Corporate and Housing Services

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APPENDICES

- 1) confirmation of decision by the Director of Development Services
- 2) confirmation of decision by the Chief Governance Officer
- 3) confirmation of decision by the Chief Governance Officer

List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

- tender documents
- application files

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1. Introduction

1.1 This report summarises the decision taken by the Director of Development Services, following appropriate consultation, under the powers delegated by Council on 22 June 2016.

2. Decisions Made

2.1 In accordance with Development Service's benchmark procedure, a single tender was invited from Corporate & Housing Services for the contract in respect of upgrading works to 100 residential properties in Grangemouth area (GRA-7709).

2.2 The criteria used in assessment of best value are financial (both contract and staff costs), quality (in relation to achieving industry standards) and past performance in this type of work.

2.3 A tender was received by the due date of 30 June 2016 and opened at 2.15pm on the same day in accordance with Standing Order 11 relating to contracts.

2.4 The tendered price was compared with bill of quantity rates for work of a similar nature, priced in competition viz, upgrading works to 131 residential properties, Denny and Dunipace (VAR-7537) in the sum of £1,369,514.41 accepted in November 2015. Allowing adjustment for inflation etc, the tendered price compared favourably with the rates within the benchmark contract.

2.5 The tender received from Corporate & Housing Services, The Forum, Callendar Business Park, Falkirk FK1 1XR is in the sum of £927,555.39 and pro rata, represents best value for the Council. The tender can be contained within the block expenditure figure for external fabric improvements, identified in the Housing Investment 3 Year Programme 2016/2019.

3. Action Taken

- 3.1 Under the powers delegated by Council, and having consulted with the Portfolio Holder, the Chief Executive and Chief Governance Officer, I have entered into a contract with Corporate & Housing Services at a value of £927,555.39.

Director of Development Services

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List of addresses

List of Background Papers:

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- Tender documents
- Tender Report

List of Addresses

GRANGEMOUTH

Elmbank Street

Odd: 5, 17

2 Houses

Even: 4, 14, 18, 24, 26

5 Houses

Hartley Place

Odd: 7

1 House

Hazel Road

Odd: 3, 9, 11, 13, 19, 25, 27

7 Houses

Even: 4, 16, 24, 28

4 Houses

Lime Street

Odd: 5, 7, 13, 15, 17, 31, 35, 43, 55, 69, 71, 73, 85, 91, 93

15 Houses

Even: 6, 8, 10, 20, 30, 34, 38, 40, 44, 50, 62, 70

12 Houses

Poplar Street

Odd: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, 37, 43, 45,
47, 49, 51, 57, 61, 63

23 Houses

Even: 4, 12, 14, 18, 20, 28, 30, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 54,
56, 58, 60

19 Houses

Sharp Terrace

Even: 6

1 House

Wilson Street

Odd: 1, 3, 25, 31, 37, 49, 51

7 Houses

Even: 6, 16, 20, 22

4 Houses

100 Houses

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: Variation of a Taxi Operator Licence – Substitution of Vehicle
Meeting: Executive
Date: 16 August 2016
Author: Chief Governance Officer

1. Introduction

1.1 This report summarises a decision taken by the Chief Governance Officer, following appropriate consultation, in terms of the powers delegated by Council on 22 June 2016.

2. Background

2.1 An application was received on 4 July to vary the Taxi Operator Licence held by Peter Campbell, 3 Garry Place, Falkirk.

2.2 The applicant had held his taxi operator licence (no. T093) since September 1993. His current licence is due to expire on 30 September 2016. He has held a taxi driver licence for the same length of time.

2.3 As part of a review of taxi licensing, the Council adjusted its policy regarding the age of taxi and private hire cars in 2013. The age of new and replacement cars entering the fleet was reduced from 6 years to 3 years over a phased period to enable operators to prepare for the change in policy. The baseline age of 3 years was reached on 1 April 2016. The change was introduced as there are environmental benefits to be gained from having new/newer cars in the fleet with generally less pollutants emitted than older cars.

3. Variation sought

3.1 The applicant attended the licensing office on 15 June 2016, to advise that he had purchased a replacement taxi vehicle. He had with him the V5 registration certificate recording that the vehicle was first registered on 21 May 2013, missing the 3 year age limit by around 7 weeks.

3.2 The vehicle proposed to be licenced was a Toyota Avensis, reg. no. SL13 EYP with mileage of 38448. All necessary documentation was provided including taxi inspection test certificates and appropriate insurance documentation.

3.3 While the vehicle did not confirm to the current age policy, it missed the 3 year milestone only marginally.

4. **Decision**

- 4.1 On 22 July 2016, having regard to the background to the application, the objectives of the policy position and the short period of time (c.7 weeks) by which the vehicle missed the age criterion (amended on 1 April 2016), and having consulted appropriately, I was satisfied that the variation request was reasonable and accordingly determined that it should be granted.

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Chief Governance Officer
Date: 29 July 2016

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Application dated 4 July 2016 – not for publication by virtue of paragraph 6 of part 1 of schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: Private Hire Car Operator licences
Meeting: Executive
Date: 16 August 2016
Author: Chief Governance Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report summarises a decision taken by the Chief Governance Officer, following appropriate consultation, in terms of the powers delegated by Council on 22 June 2016.

2. Background

- 2.1 Applications were received on 17 May from Munro Cars Ltd, 74 Russel Street, Falkirk for the grant of 4 new Private Hire Car Operator Licences.
- 2.1 The applicant is the holder of 37 Taxi Operator Licences and 17 Private Hire Car Operator Licences.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Police Scotland was sent copies of the applications and neither objected nor submitted any representations.

4. Vehicles proposed to be operated

- 4.1 The vehicles proposed to be operated were:-

Toyota Avensis, reg. no. FE15 OUA (mileage 12993)
Toyota Auris, reg. no. SH15 VCF (mileage 16430)
Toyota Auris, reg. no. SG15 LGF (mileage 14847)
Toyota Auris, reg. no. SC15 LGL (mileage 13881)

- 4.2 The applicant provided all necessary documentation including taxi inspection test certificates and appropriate insurance documentation.

5. Decision

- 5.1 On 6 July, having considered the applications in full, and having consulted appropriately, I was satisfied that there were no grounds on which to refuse them and they were accordingly granted.

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Chief Governance Officer
Date: 29 July 2016

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