

Agenda Item

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Knowledge Test Failure

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Falkirk Council

Subject: Knowledge test failure
Meeting: Civic Licensing Committee
Date: 11 January 2017
Author: Chief Governance Officer

1. Application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence

- 1.1.1 Mr Craig Little submitted an application for a new taxi driver licence on 2 September 2016. His application must be considered before 1 March 2017. The applicant sat the knowledge test on 15 September 2016 and attained 56%. He sat the test on 29 September and attained 61%. The applicant was invited to attend for the test on 3 and 17 November. He did not turn up and he did not advise that he was unavailable.
- 1.2 The applicant was then contacted by officers on the telephone and he advised that he was working and that Wednesday's were better suited for him to sit the test. A further test was arranged for Wednesday 23 November and he failed to attend and did not advise that he wouldn't manage.
- 1.3 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 he has not sat and passed the knowledge test.
- 1.4 The applicant has not been invited to sit a medical as yet.
- 1.5 Mr Little was notified in a letter of his failures and opportunities to attend and that the matter would be considered by the Committee. The letter explained that he could submit a letter in support of his application which would form part of this report. At the time of finalising this 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:-

- 2.1 (a) to refuse to grant the TAXI DRIVER licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 13 (5) on the ground that the applicant, having failed to pass the knowledge test, has failed to satisfy the Authority that he 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 he 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.

Chief Governance Officer
Date: 21 December 2016

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None