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Agenda Item 5

Knowledge Test Failure

Falkirk Council

Subject: Knowledge test failure
Meeting: Civic Licensing Committee
Date: 22 August 2018
Author: Chief Governance Officer

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

- 1.1 Mr Ferrie submitted an application for a new taxi driver licence on 20 March 2018. His application must be considered before 19 December 2018. The applicant has failed to pass the knowledge test despite 4 attempts.
- 1.2 Mr Ferrie was invited to sit the test on 18 April 2018 and he attained 50%. He was then invited on 3 May 2018, however he advised that he was unable to attend.
- 1.3 Mr Ferrie was invited to sit the test on 24 May 2018 and he attained 75%. He was then invited to attend on 6 June 2018 and 14 June 2018, however he advised that he was unable to attend on both occasions.
- 1.4 Mr Ferrie was invited to sit the test on 28 June 2018 and he attained 58%. He was then invited on 19 July 2018 and he attained 60%.
- 1.5 It is the view of officers that the applicant has little prospect in passing the knowledge test and would recommend that the Committee consider refusing the application on the basis that he has not passed the knowledge test.
- 1.6 The applicant has not been invited to sit a medical as yet.
- 1.7 Mr Ferrie was notified in a letter of his failure to pass the knowledge test and that the matter would be considered by the Committee. The letter explained he could submit a letter in support of his application which would form part of this report. At the time of preparing 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:-

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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 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; the layout of roads in the area and of the Council's licence conditions; 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.

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Chief Governance Officer
Date: 14 August 2018

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None