

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL  
31 OCTOBER 2001**

**APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF TAXI OPERATORS LICENCES**

**Report by Director of Community Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite the Panel to consider three applications for the grant of the Taxi Operators Licences.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As a result of two taxi operator's licences in the South Zone having expired, two applications for the grant of licences have been submitted by James McGhee, Woodpark, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock and one by Mary Burns, 17 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock.
- 2.2 No objections or representations have been received in respect of any of the applications.

**3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The Panel, taking into account the decision on the report by the Director of Community Services dated 9 October 2001, entitled Taxi Operators Licences – South Zone, should now consider each of the above applications for grant of licence.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

- 4.1 Nil.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 In terms of Section 10(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, without prejudice to Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Act, a licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant a taxi licence if, in their opinion, granting it would have an adverse effect on the general availability to the public in their area of the services of taxis or the cost of providing these services.
- 5.2 In terms of Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Act, a licensing authority shall refuse to grant or renew a licence if the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a licence.



## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 Applications for the grant of taxi operators licences have been submitted by James McGhee, Woodpark, Glaisnock Road, Cumnock (2) and Mary Burns, 17 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock (1).

7.2 No objections or representations have been received in respect of any of the applications.

7.3 The Panel, taking into account the decision on the report by the Director of Community Services dated 9 October 2001, entitled Taxi Operators Licences – South Zone, should now consider each of the above applications for grant of licence.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that the Panel consider the contents of this report in light of their decision in relation to the maximum number of taxi licences to be granted in the South Zone, and agree; -

- (i) if the maximum number of taxi licences in the South Zone is less than 20, to continue consideration of the applications detailed in this report to the next meeting, in order that the applicants may be invited to attend a Hearing on the matter; or
- (ii) if the maximum number of taxi licences in the South Zone is 20 or more, to grant the applications for licence detailed in this report.

William Stafford  
**Director of Community Services**

9 October 2001

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Application forms (2) submitted by James McGhee, signed and received on 30 August 2001.
2. Application form submitted by Mary Burns, signed and received on 4 October and competent from 8 October 2001.

Any person wishing to inspect of the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or email at [john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk).

### **AGENDA**