

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL
5 SEPTEMBER 2001**

**CONSIDERATION OF RECALL OF ORDER SUSPENDING TAXI DRIVER'S
LICENCE NO EA/TD 158 – WILLIAM MCGHEE**

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Panel to consider the recall of the order suspending Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 158.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 William McGhee has been licensed to drive a taxi since 26 July 1994. His current licence was renewed on 21 August 2000 and is valid until 25 July 2003.
- 2.2 At the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee, held on 16 May 2001, it was agreed to suspend Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 158 for a breach of conditions, in that the licence holder had failed to undertake the required disability awareness training course.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Licensee had completed the required disability awareness training course on 21 March 2001, but the Disability Forum did not advise the Licensing Section of his attendance. The Licensee was advised in writing of the possible suspension of his licence, but made no contact with the Licensing Section until 22 June 2001.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In terms of Schedule 1 Paragraph 11 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a Licensing Authority may, in accordance with the provisions of that paragraph, order the suspension of a licence if in their opinion a condition of the licence has been contravened.
- 5.2 In terms of Schedule 1 Paragraph 11(6), a Licensing Authority may, whether upon an application made to them or not, recall an order made under this paragraph.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 At the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee, held on 16 May 2001, it was agreed to suspend Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 158 for a breach of conditions, in that the licence holder had failed to undertake the required disability awareness training course.

7.2 William McGhee, the holder of Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 158, has now completed the required disability awareness training course.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 It is recommended that the Panel recall the order suspending Taxi Driver's Licence No EA/TD 158.

William Stafford
Director of Community Services

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14 August 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Licensing file No EA/TD 158.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or e-mail on john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

AGENDA