

# Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Thursday, 25 July 2024

## Application for New Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – Kaled Abdulla Abdelkader

Item number	
Report number	A Agenda
Executive/routine	
Wards	Citywide
Council Commitments	N/A

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Directorate recommends that:
  - 1.1.1 the Committee considers whether Kaled Abdulla Abdelkader is fit and proper to hold the licence; and thereafter
  - 1.1.2 whether to grant the application for a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 Council officers have investigated a complaint against Mr Kaled Abdulla Abdelkader, who has submitted an application for a new Private Hire Driver's Licence. Officers now recommend that the Committee considers whether the licence should be granted in terms of the applicant's fitness and propriety to hold such a licence.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Police and other persons can make comments or complaints regarding the holders of licences. Committee members can consider such comments and requests.
- 3.2 In this case, a complaint was received from the Council's medical provider about Mr Abdelkader's behaviour during a routine appointment on 6 May 2024, which was required as part of his application for a new Private Hire Driver's Licence.
- 3.3 Following an investigation by Enforcement Officers from Regulatory Services, the Head of Regulatory Services requests that the Committee considers whether the Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 On 25 March 2024 an application for a new Private Hire Driver's Licence (Appendix 1) was received from Kaled Abdulla Abdelkader. Officers began to process the application, part of which requires the applicant to undergo a medical examination to establish whether the applicant meets Group 2 DVLA standards. An examination was duly arranged for 19 April 2024.
- 4.2 On 19 April 2024 officers received an email from the Council's medical provider (Appendix 2) raising concerns about Mr Abdelkader's behaviour during the examination that day.
- 4.3 As a result, Council enforcement officers arranged to interview Mr Abdelkader on 6 May 2024. During this interview (Appendix 3) Mr Abdelkader denied being rude, obstructive or aggressive (as had been alleged by the medical examiner).

- 4.4 The Directorate is therefore of the view that the Committee should consider whether Mr Abdelkader is a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence (Appendix 4).
- 4.5 The licence holder has been invited to attend, notified of the contents of this report and provided with a copy of this report.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Decisions on individual licences have to be considered on their own merits.
- 5.2 The process outlined takes account of the relevant statutory provisions.
- 5.3 The licence holder has a right of appeal against any decision made. The appeal lies to the Sheriff Court.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 None, as the costs of these matters are recovered through taxi and private hire car vehicle and driver licence application fees.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community impact**

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- 7.1 None

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 None

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1 – application for Private Hire Driver's Licence
- 9.3 Appendix 2 – email dated 19 April 2024
- 9.4 Appendix 3 – note of interview with Kaled Abdulla Abdelkader on 6 May 2024
- 9.5 Appendix 4 – extract from Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982