LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 21 FEBRUARY 2024

TYPE OF APPLICATION: Exemption from policy – Street Knowledge APPLICANT: Neil Murison

INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Murison has held a Taxi Driver Licence from 1/10/2020 until 31/05/2023.

There is no evidence to suggest that a renewal application was received from Mr Murison.

Mr Murison therefore has to re-apply for the grant of a new taxi driver licence.

Under Licensing Committee policy, all intended applicants for a Taxi Driver Licence must pass the street knowledge test before a grant of taxi driver licence can be submitted.

Mr Murison is seeking exemption from this policy. The exemption request is detailed in the email from Mr Murison, dated 5/12/2023.

DESCRIPTION

Street Knowledge Exemption

CONSULTEES

N/A

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Licensing Committee policy states that before any new grant application for a Taxi Driver Licence can be submitted the applicant must have passed the street knowledge test.

REQUEST

I am in the process of renewing my taxi licence which expired and you have requested that I complete the street knowledge again, I am writing have to seek dispensation not to complete the street knowledge due to extenuating circumstances , I have been an aberdeen taxi driver since 2000 and have never had an issue with the renewal of my licence, however this year I missed the renewal because my mother passed away in March due to a serious fall and I completely forgot about having to renew due to me being upset and in shock for a considerable time afterwards, in normal circumstances I would not have forgotten about the renewal and apologise for extra administration that this causes, taking the above on board coupled with my 23 years of experience of aberdeen's streets I ask that the requirement for me to retake the street knowledge be waived, regards Neil Murison.