

# LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

## 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

George Kenneth Kerr Pirie  
Request To Be Exempted from WAV Policy &  
Request To Be Exempted from Street Knowledge Test Policy

### INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Pirie is seeking an exemption to the Committee Policy that states that any new grant application for a taxi must be for a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle and that such a licence must always licence a WAV.

In addition Mr Pirie is also seeking an exemption from the policy that requires all applicants for the grant of a Taxi Driver Licence to have passed the street knowledge test.

The Committee has before it an email from Mr Pirie indicating the grounds under which he is seeking the exemptions.

Mr Pirie was the holder of Taxi Driver Licence 0380 from before 01/01/2000 to 31/03/2021. He is requesting an exemption from having to pass the street knowledge test as that licence expired without a renewal application being submitted. He would have passed the street knowledge test previously.

In addition Mr Pirie was the holder of Taxi Licence T024 which expired on 31/05/2023 without a renewal application being submitted, again in error. The vehicle licensed was a salon car, which Mr Pirie is seeking to re-licence.

He is requesting exemption from providing a WAV due to the cost of providing such a vehicle, his current vehicle was previously licensed and that he only works on a part-time basis.

Should the Committee be minded to grant the exemptions Mr Pirie is aware that he will be required to submit grant of licence applications for both the Taxi Driver Licence and the Taxi Licence.

### COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Licensing Committee policy states that any new grant application for a Taxi Licence must be for a WAV vehicle and any subsequent vehicle licensed must also be a WAV.

Licensing Committee policy states that all applicants for a Taxi Driver Licence must have passed the street knowledge test.