

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Licensing Committee – 27 August 2020**

**GRANT OF TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE– X30**

**Report by Head of Legal Services (Report No. 20/143)**

<b>Name and Address:</b>	<p>Mr Paul Findlay 3 Hillgarden Coupar Angus Blairgowrie PH13 9AX</p> <p>Age: 44</p>
<b>9 Month Decision Date:</b>	2 April 2021
<b>Reason for Report:</b>	<p>This application is for a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Operator licence for Blairgowrie. In Blairgowrie there is currently a limit on taxi numbers. This is set at 12.</p> <p>Mr Findlay has submitted the below in support of his application;</p> <p>Letter from John Swinney (see attached copy letter dated 15 July 2020). Letter from Councillor Fiona Sarwar (see attached copy letter dated 20 July 2020). Letter from Pete Wishart (see attached copy letter dated 4 August 2020). Section of Unmet Demand Survey.</p>
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The Licensing Committee at a meeting held on 24 May 2018 agreed that the cap on Taxis should remain in place following the results of an unmet demand survey for taxi services in Perth City and Blairgowrie which was carried out in October 2017. The survey was carried out by HKZ Services Ltd, trading as LVSA according to best practice in this field and concluded that based on rank observation and a public survey there was no evidence of significant unmet demand for the services of Taxis.</p>

**Contact Officer: Debra G. M. Gilkison Ext 75159**