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| <b>Report to:</b>        | <b>LICENSING PANEL</b>                              |
| <b>Relevant Officer:</b> | Lee Petrak, Licensing and Trading Standards Manager |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | 12 September 2023                                   |

## APPLICATION FOR A NEW PERSONAL LICENCE

**1.0 Purpose of the report:** To consider an application by Mr Tariq Sabbah for the grant of a Personal Licence.

**2.0 Recommendation:**

2.1 To determine the application.

**3.0 Reasons for recommendation:**

3.1 This application must be determined by a panel as an objection has been received.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

**4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 None, once an application has been submitted and an objection received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

**5.0 Council priority:**

- 5.1 The relevant Council priorities are
- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
  - "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

**6.0 Background information**

6.1 On 6 July 2023 the Licensing Service received an application for a Personal Licence from Tariq Sabbah. As the accompanying disclosure revealed a live relevant offence a copy of the application was sent to the Police for their consideration.

The Licensing Service received an objection from the Police on 10 July 2023.

## 6.2 Local policy considerations

7.2.4 of the Statement of Licensing Policy states the following – “ at a hearing a panel of the licensing committee will consider whether the granting of the licence would undermine the crime prevention objective. The panel will consider the seriousness of the conviction(s), the time that has elapsed since the offence(s) were committed and any mitigating circumstances. Applications will normally be refused unless there are exceptional and compelling circumstances which justify grant.

## 6.3 National policy considerations

4.54 – A number of relevant offences never become spent. However, where an applicant is able to demonstrate that the offence in question took place so long ago and that the applicant no longer has a propensity to re-offend, a licensing authority may consider that it is appropriate to grant the application on the basis that doing so would not undermine the crime prevention objective

## 6.4 Observations

When considering an application for a personal licence the panel is only concerned with the crime prevention objective. The panel are also restricted to considering live relevant convictions. Any offences which are spent or are not considered to be relevant must not be taken into account when considering whether the application for a personal licence should be granted.

6.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## 7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 4a: Redacted Application form for a new Personal Licence  
Appendix 4b: Representation from Lancashire Constabulary

## 8.0 Legal considerations:

8.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

## 9.0 Risk management considerations:

9.1 None.

## 10.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:

10.1 None.

**11.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.