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## **SECOND ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION**



To: Councillor Carle, Convener; Councillor and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Copland, Cormie, Crockett, Delaney, Lesley Dunbar, Graham, Hutchison, MacGregor, Malik, Malone, Nathan Morrison, Nicoll, Reynolds and Townson.

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 7 March 2016

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The undernoted items are circulated in connection with the meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** to be held here in the Town House on **TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2016 at 10.00 am.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## **BUSINESS**

### **REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION**

#### 1.1 Requests for Deputation (Pages 3 - 6)

(iv) Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Group - item 3.1 (Licensing Application Fees 2016 - 2017);

(v) Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Group - item 6.1 (Motion by Councillor Hutchison).

Members, please note that the requests in respect of item 6.1 are not competent as Standing Order 10(1) states that applications must relate to substantive report on the agenda - therefore Standing Orders will require to be suspended if the Committee want to hear the deputation.

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## Request for Deputation

**Name – Graeme McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Group**

**Licensing Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Agenda Item 3.1 (Licensing Application Fees 2016 – 2017)**

### **The action I wish the Committee to take:**

As seen in Appendix 2b it is proposed that the fees for Grant and Renewal is increased by the amount of £5.00 per licence. The trade does not agree with this as we feel there are unresolved issues with past surpluses.

The trade are still waiting on a report from Paul Dixon (Accounting Manager) over the historic accounts for the taxi trade and were the surplus money that has been generated has gone. The main reason for the increase is that it is being projected that a new ramp will be needed for the inspections of taxis at a cost of £8400 and medical referrals will go up by £6000.00 due to a new tender that has happened.

Based on the surplus from 14/15 alone which was £21000.00 we can't see the need for the fees to be increased (there must be a way of getting this allocation back to the trade).

We appreciate that there is going to be a new enforcement officer starting but again to date we have not been told what the allocation of this persons duties will be to the taxi trade. If this is the case then how can the budget be an increase when there has been historical surpluses?

Where has the SURPLUS gone???

Until we have all the facts from the accounts for our trade then we ask the council to hold all licence fees at their current levels.

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## **Request for Deputation**

**Name – Graeme McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Group**

**Licensing Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Agenda Item 6.1 (Motion by Councillor Hutchison)**

**The action I wish the Committee to take is to**

There is division within the trade regarding the wheelchair accessible policy that is coming in to effect in June 17. This motion is for further consultation in to whether this is the correct thing to do. We have been here before hence the 2017 decision that is in place.

There are obligations that the council have to meet and there are grievances that the trade have over this but some years ago now it was decided on 2017 being the time for change. Currently there are 54% (or 545) of the City fleet wheelchair accessible and I suppose the big question is “is this enough”.

I am not sure of the answer but the one thing that I do know is that there are already a lot of drivers that have surrendered their saloon Hackney licences to put a wheelchair accessible vehicles on to the road and they would be correct to have a very large grievance if the 2017 ruling was overturned.

We would ask what members of this committee hope to gain if further consultation takes place and make sure that whatever is agreed upon is 100% watertight in law.

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