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

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 17 April 2017

## **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, 18 APRIL 2017 at 10.00 am.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## **B U S I N E S S**

### REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION

- 1.1 Request by Mr Russell McLeod in relation to item 5.1 (Response to Consultation on Training for Taxi and Private Hire Drivers) (Pages 3 - 4)
- 1.2 Request by Mr Russell McLeod in relation to item 5.2 (Response to Consultation on Knowledge Test for Taxi and Private Hire Drivers) (Pages 5 - 6)
- 1.3 Request by Mr Russell McLeod in relation to item 5.4 (Membership of the Taxi Consultation Group) (Pages 7 - 8)

- 1.4 Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Centre, in relation to item 3.2 (Request for Exemption from Vehicle Type and Branding Policy)  
Please note that this request does not relate to a substantive report on the agenda as required by Standing Orders and was also submitted beyond the deadline required by Standing Orders and therefore the Committee would need to suspend Standing Order 10(1) should it wish to hear this deputation. (Pages 9 - 10)
- 1.5 Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Centre, in relation to item 5.1 (Response to Consultation on Training for Taxi and Private Hire Drivers)  
Please note that this request was received beyond the deadline required by Standing Orders and therefore the Committee would need to suspend Standing Order 10(1) should it wish to hear this deputation. (Pages 11 - 12)
- 1.6 Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Centre, in relation to item 5.2 (Response to Consultation on Knowledge Test for Taxi and Private Hire Drivers)  
Please note that this request was received beyond the deadline required by Standing Orders and therefore the Committee would need to suspend Standing Order 10(1) should it wish to hear this deputation. (Pages 13 - 14)
- 1.7 Request by Mr McColl, Aberdeen Taxi Centre, in relation to item 5.4 (Membership of the Taxi Consultation Group)  
Please note that this request was received beyond the deadline required by Standing Orders and therefore the Committee would need to suspend Standing Order 10(1) should it wish to hear this deputation. (Pages 15 - 16)

Should you require any further information about this agenda, please contact Allison Swanson, tel 01224 522822 or email [aswanson@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:aswanson@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

## Request for Deputation

Name

Russell McLeod

Committee

LICENSING

Agenda Item

S.1.

The action I wish the Council/Committee to take

TO Along With Consultation Group  
EXPLORE HOW ADDITIONAL TRAINING CAN  
BE INCORPORATED WITHIN KNOWLEDGE TEST.

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## Request for Deputation

Name RUSSELL McKEON

Committee LICENSING

Agenda Item 5.2.

### The action I wish the Council/Committee to take

TO MAKE NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE  
TO THE CURRENT KNOWLEDGE TEST WHICH  
SHOULD BE PASSED BY BOTH TAXI & PH DRIVERS

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## Request for Deputation

Name

Rosie McLean

Committee

Licensing

Agenda Item

S.4.

The action I wish the Council/Committee to take

To Tommy R. Look at the Consultation Group's Make up. IF NEED BE IT SHOULD INCLUDE EVERY LICENSING BOOKING OFFICE. BUT THE CURRENT MAKE UP DOES NOT REPRESENT ABERDEEN'S TOXIC TRAFFIC.

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## **Request for Deputation**

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

**Committee** - Licensing

### **Agenda Item – 3.2**

#### **The action I wish the Council/Committee to take**

Hydrogen Car Advertising – It would be felt that if you allow any advertising on this test car then it would not be fair on the rest of the Private Hire Fleet and although this may be emission free they should not be given the ability to advertise on them or more importantly be able to against a decision made by committee not to allow SUV vehicles in the fleet. If it were to be the case that this vehicle be allowed then surely we are looking at what standards of vehicle are going to be allowed throughout the whole fleet (Private Hire & Hackney) and further consultation at a minimum would be needed.

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**Committee** - Licensing

**Agenda Item** – 5.1

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I think that both item 5.1 & 5.2 can be looked at together especially since item 5.1 did not really receive many responses and I feel it is linked to The Knowledge testing.

I think for the majority of the trade that replied to the knowledge test questionnaire find it more important than the extra training questionnaire.

No matter what statistics may be put up by other deputations today we are here to speak about whether a Private Hire Driver should sit the same test as a Hackney Driver in the City Of Aberdeen.

The overwhelming response from the trade (262 out of 322 indicated that the same test should apply to Taxi & Private Hire Drivers). This majority (81%) are making it clear that they feel it is best for the trade to have all drivers being fully knowledge tested.

As a general rule nobody likes change which is why I believe the majority did not want a retest and again I feel that this is correct and any sort of retest may only be needed for new British or Scottish laws that affect the 2015 Air Weapons Act.

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**Committee** - Licensing

**Agenda Item** – 5.4

### **The action I wish the Council/Committee to take**

TCG Membership. I stand by that if membership is opened up to Aberdeen Taxis then all of the offices in Aberdeen should be allowed representation at these meetings. We just need to look at why the group was reduced in numbers as the meetings sometimes dragged on due to the amount of people attending. I do feel however that if you are an operator in Aberdeen that you would have valid input to the TCG meetings.

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