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<u>To</u>: Councillor Reynolds, <u>Convener</u>; Councillor Malik, <u>Vice Convener</u>; and Councillors Allan, Al-Samarai, Bell, Delaney, Henrickson, Sellar and Townson.

Town House, ABERDEEN 24 August 2020

LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Members of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in the Council Chamber, Town House, Aberdeen on <u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>1 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 10.00</u> am.

Members of the press and public are not permitted to enter the Town House, however applicants and/or their representatives will be able to participate remotely, if they so wish.

The meeting will be webcast and a live stream can be viewed on the Council's website <u>here.</u>

FRASER BELL CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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Applications to be heard in private and treated as confidential information in terms of Section 50(A)(3)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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Agenda Item 4.1

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You must consider at the earliest stage possible whether you have an interest to declare in relation to any matter which is to be considered. You should consider whether reports for meetings raise any issue of declaration of interest. Your declaration of interest must be made under the standing item on the agenda, however if you do identify the need for a declaration of interest only when a particular matter is being discussed then you must declare the interest as soon as you realise it is necessary. The following wording may be helpful for you in making your declaration.

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons

For example, I know the applicant / I am a member of the Board of X / I am employed by... and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

OR

I have considered whether I require to declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however, having applied the objective test, I consider that my interest is so remote / insignificant that it does not require me to remove myself from consideration of the item.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however I consider that a specific exclusion applies as my interest is as a member of xxxx, which is

- (a) a devolved public body as defined in Schedule 3 to the Act;
- (b) a public body established by enactment or in pursuance of statutory powers or by the authority of statute or a statutory scheme;
- (c) a body with whom there is in force an agreement which has been made in pursuance of Section 19 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 by Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise for the discharge by that body of any of the functions of Scottish Enterprise or, as the case may be, Highlands and Islands Enterprise; or
- (d) a body being a company:
 - i. established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the Councillor's local authority; and
 - ii. which has entered into a contractual arrangement with that local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to that local authority.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons.....and although the body is covered by a specific exclusion, the matter before the Committee is one that is quasi-judicial / regulatory in nature where the body I am a member of:

- is applying for a licence, a consent or an approval
- is making an objection or representation
- has a material interest concerning a licence consent or approval
- is the subject of a statutory order of a regulatory nature made or proposed to be made by the local authority.... and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 16 June 2020. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE. <u>Present</u>:- Councillor Boulton, <u>Convener</u>; and Councillors Bell, Delaney, Malik and McRae.

The agenda and reports associated with this minute can be found here.

Please note that if any changes are made to this minute at the point of approval, these will be outlined in the subsequent minute and this document will not be retrospectively altered.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE OF 18 FEBRUARY 2020

2. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of meeting of the Licensing Committee of 18 February 2020 for approval.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute as a correct record.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE OF 17 AND 20 MARCH 2020

3. The Sub Committee had before it the minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub Committee of 17 March and 20 March 2020, for approval.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the minutes as correct records.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER

4. The Sub Committee had before it the committee business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to note the committee business planner.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

16 June 2020

RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION - 92 PENNAN ROAD, ABERDEEN

5. The Sub Committee noted that the licence had been granted under delegated powers.

RENEWAL OF A LICENCE FOR A HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION - 96 BROOMHILL ROAD, ABERDEEN

6. The Sub Committee noted that the licence had been granted under delegated powers.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The press and public were excluded from the meeting for consideration of the items listed from 5.1 on the agenda and detailed below in this minute which contained confidential information in terms of Section 50A 3(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

7. The Committee had before it an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of the application which advised that the application had to be determined by 28 August 2020.

The licence holder was not in attendance, nor represented.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to grant the licence for one year only.

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

8. The Sub Committee had before it (1) an information sheet prepared by the Chief Officer – Governance in respect of a request for the suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence; (2) a letter of representation from the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, c/o North East Division dated 1 May 2020; and (3) a letter submitted by the licence holder which also had appended, two character reference letters from employers.

The licence holder was in attendance and spoke in support of his letter.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

16 June 2020

Sergeant Flett was in attendance and spoke in support of Police Scotland's letter of representation.

Sergeant Flett and the licence holder both summed up.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to take no action in relation to the request for suspension of the Taxi Driver's Licence.

- COUNCILLOR MARIE BOULTON, Convener

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1	LICENSING COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER The Business Planner details the reports which have been instructed by the Committee as well as reports which the Functions expect to be submitting.								
2	Report Title	Minute Reference/Committee Decision or Purpose of Report	Update	Report Author	Chief Officer	Directorate	Terms of Reference Number	Delayed or Recommende d for removal or transfer, enter either D, R, or T	Explanation if delayed, removed or transferred
3			01 September 2020						
	Alternative Powered	The Council at their meeting on 3 March 2020 agreed to instruct the Chief Officer Governance to report to the Licensing Committee on 1 September 2020 with proposals to consult with the taxi and private hire trade on options for transitioning to alternative powered vehicles			Governance	Commissioning			The report is being delayed as it affects other policies and it's being incorporated into the taxi policy consolidation and review that officers hope to bring to committee in November 2020. Will be added to the Planner in due course.
4	Committee Annual Effectiveness Report for 2019/20	To present the annual effectiveness report for the Committee.		Mark Masson	Governance	Commissioning	GD 7.5		
5									
6	Taxi Fare Review	To present the outcome of the taxi fare review consultation and to seek approval of a final fare structure.	Needs to be considered before November	Karen Gatherum	Governance	Commissioning	3		
7			10 November 2020						
8	Taxi Policy and Consolidation Review	TBC		TBC	Governance	Commissioning			
9			19 January 2021						
10	No reports scheduled at this time.								

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11			16 March 2021						
12	No reports scheduled at this time.								
13			18 May 2021						
14	No reports scheduled at this time.								
15			29 June 2021						
16	No reports scheduled at this time.								
17			31 August 2021						
	No reports scheduled at this time.								
19			26 October 2021						
20	No reports scheduled at this time.								
21			14 December 2021						
22	No reports scheduled at this time.								
23			TBC						
24		Licensing Committee 08.03.16 (article 3 appendix A) - Council on 11 May 2016 resolved, amongst other things, to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to review the policy on Age of Vehicles following the implementation of the accessible vehicle policy on 6 June 2018 and report back to the Licensing Committee with recommendations as appropriate twelve months after the accessible vehicle policy had been implemented.	Report to be submitted 12 months after the implementation of the accessible vehicle policy.	Sandy Munro	Governance	Governance	7		

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2	Report Title	Minute Reference/Committee Decision or Purpose of Report	Update	Report Author	Chief Officer	Directorate	Terms of Reference Number	Delayed or Recommende d for removal or transfer, enter either D, R, or T	Explanation if delayed, removed or transferred
	Options	Licensing Committee 5.03.18 (article 12). The Committee resolved to recognise that in compliance with The Equality Act 2010 that all taxi user requirements should be considered and instructs the Chief Officer Governance: (1) to prepare a report with suitable mixed fleet policy options for the split which would address all customer needs whether they are a wheelchair user, visually impaired or have other mobility requirements or other relevant disability; (2) to submit the aforementioned options to the Licensing Committee meeting by June 2022 for consideration, noting that subject to the approval in principle of the options a full consultation as outlined in section 4.2 of the report would be undertaken and the outcome reported back to the Committee; and (iv) to further recognise that in 1994 when new applications for taxi licences were required to be wheelchair accessible vehicles an exemption was allowed for existing licence holders, at that time, to retain a non-accessible vehicle and even licence a further non-accessible vehicle on renewal of the licence or replacement of such vehicle and to agree that this exemption should remain meantime and instructs the Chief Officer Governance to incorporate this exemption as an option within the proposed mixed fleet policy options to be submitted to Committee by June 2022.		Sandy Munro	Governance	Governance	7		
25		Licensing Committee 19/2/19 agreed to instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to continue to investigate training programmes for taxi and private hire drivers and report back to the Committee in this regard as and when appropriate.		Sandy Munro	Governance	Governance	3		

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Application	Name of Applicant & Agent	Premises of which application refers	Representations received	Date by which application to be determined (date order)	Proposed Meeting to Determine Application	Page Number
HMO Application (New)	John Monteith	Andarabad, Nigg Kirk Road, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	17 September 2020	01 September 2020	17-18
HMO Application (Renewal)	John Monteith	198 Kincorth Circle, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	17 September 2020	01 September 2020	19-20
HMO Application (Renewal)	John Monteith	96 Kincorth Circle, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	17 September 2020	01 September 2020	21-24
HMO Application (Renewal)	Mark Bragg	Flat 4, 25 South Mount Street, Aberdeen	HMO Team, Private Sector Housing Unit	22 October 2020	01 September 2020	25.28
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Iain Simpson	PHD010	Legal (Knowledge Test)	09 October 2020	01 September 2020	29.30
Taxi Licence (Operator) Renewal	Arthur Milne	T469	Hackney Test	12 October 2020	01 September 2020	31-32
Private Hire Car Operator (Renewal)	Ali Rahmath	PH043	Hackney Test	20 October 2020	01 September 2020	33-34
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Irfan Bashir	PHD038	Legal (Knowledge Test)	21 October 2020	01 September 2020	35-36

Application	Name of Applicant & Agent	Premises of which application refers	Representations received	Date by which application to be determined (date order)	Proposed Meeting to Determine Application	Page Number
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Mujeeb Kannegal	PHD045	Legal (Knowledge Test)	21 October 2020	01 September 2020	37-38
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Bharat Chhokar	PHD057	Legal (Knowledge Test)	21 October 2020	01 September 2020	39-40
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Nathan Harbi	PHD054	Legal (Knowledge Test)	22 October 2020	01 September 2020	41-42
Private Hire Car Driver (Renewal)	Lawrence Morrison	PHD046	Legal (Knowledge Test)	30 October 2020	01 September 2020	43-44
Street Trader (Variation)	John Howarth	Tanya's Pizza and Pies	Public Objections x 15 1 Late Objection	27 February 2021	01 September 2020	45-56

Agenda Item 7.1

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 1 September 2020

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (NEW)

APPLICANT: JOHN MONTEITH

ADDRESS: 'ANDARABAD', NIGG KIRK ROAD, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 1 September 2020, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 1 September 2020. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at 'Andarabad', Nigg Kirk Road, Aberdeen, is an upper-floor flat of a 2-storey detached house providing accommodation of 4 letting bedrooms, one kitchen & one bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is a new HMO licence, although the applicant has held 3 previous HMO licence for the property.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service no objections
- General public no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:

'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
- i) Its location
- ii) Its condition
- iii) Any amenities it contains
- iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
- v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
- vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
- vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
- viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and his registration includes 6 rental properties, one of which being 'Andarabad', Nigg Kirk Road.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of 'Andarabad', Nigg Kirk Road.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - 1) All faulty or missing lightbulbs to be immediately replaced and a lightshade fitted in bedroom No.4.
 - 2) All portable heaters to be permanently removed from the premises.
 - 3) The wash-hand basin to be re-fixed to the bathroom wall.
 - 4) The kitchen worktops to be re-sealed.
 - 5) A Certificate of Compliance, Landlords Gas Safe certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report (including Portable Appliance Test certificate) and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

Agenda Item 7.2

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 1 September 2020

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: JOHN MONTEITH

ADDRESS: 198 KINCORTH CIRCLE, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 1 September 2020, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 1 September 2020. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.198 Kincorth Circle, Aberdeen, is a 2-storey linked-detached house providing accommodation of 4 letting bedrooms, one public room, one kitchen & one bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence, which the applicant has held since May 2006.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service no objections
- General public no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:

'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
- i) Its location
- ii) Its condition
- iii) Any amenities it contains
- iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
- v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
- vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
- vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
- viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and his registration includes 6 rental properties, one of which being No.198 Kincorth Circle.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.198 Kincorth Circle.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - All self-closing doors to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they fully close against their stops. In this regard, the door of bedroom No.4 requires adjustment.
 - 2) All windows to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they open for ventilation. In this regard, the missing catches for the handles must be replaced, also the kitchen window must be repaired.
 - 3) The top of the bath must be re-sealed.
 - 4) A Certificate of Compliance, Landlords Gas Safe certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report (including Portable Appliance Test certificate) and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

Agenda Item 7.3

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 1 September 2020

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: JOHN MONTEITH

ADDRESS: 96 KINCORTH CIRCLE, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 1 September 2020, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 1 September 2020. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.96 Kincorth Circle, Aberdeen, is a 2-storey linked-detached house providing accommodation of 4 letting bedrooms, one public room, one kitchen & one bathroom. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 4 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence, which the applicant has held since June 2013.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service no objections
- General public no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:

'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
- i) Its location
- ii) Its condition
- iii) Any amenities it contains
- iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
- v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
- vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
- vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
- viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and his registration includes 6 rental properties, one of which being No.96 Kincorth Circle.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of No.96 Kincorth Circle.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - All self-closing doors to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they fully close against their stops. In this regard, the door of bedroom No.1 requires adjustment.
 - 2) All windows to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they open for ventilation. In this regard, the window in bedroom No.2 must be repaired.
 - 3) The bathroom door slip-bolt must be re-fixed.
 - 4) The kitchen worktops must be re-sealed.
 - 5) A Certificate of Compliance, Landlords Gas Safe certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report (including Portable Appliance Test certificate) and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

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Agenda Item 7.4

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET 1 September 2020

Public Application

TYPE OF APPLICATION: HMO LICENCE APPLICATION (RENEWAL)

APPLICANT: MARK BRAGG

ADDRESS: 25 SOUTH MOUNT STREET, ABERDEEN

INFORMATION NOTE

At the date of drafting this Information Note, a new HMO licence cannot be granted for the reason that the applicant has not completed the work & certification requirements to bring the property up to the current HMO standard. The meeting of the Licensing Committee on 1 September 2020, is the last meeting before the one-year statutory deadline for determining this HMO licence application therefore if the property is still unsuitable by the day of the Committee, and the Committee are minded to refuse the application, they must do so at the meeting on 1 September 2020. I will advise the Committee whether the applicant has satisfactorily completed the necessary work & certification requirements.

DESCRIPTION

The premises at No.25 South Mount Street, Aberdeen, is a top-floor flat providing accommodation of 4 letting bedrooms, one public room, one kitchen & 2 bathrooms. The applicant has requested an occupancy of 5 tenants, which is acceptable in terms of space and layout. The application under consideration is to renew an existing HMO licence.

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- A public Notice of HMO Application was displayed outside the building for the 21-day statutory period, alerting the general public to the HMO licence application.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland no objections
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service no objections
- General public no objections

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All applications for HMO licences are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government's document:

'Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Statutory Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities'

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

This application is being dealt with under the provisions of Part 5 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, as amended. Available grounds of refusal are as follows:

- 1) The applicant and/or agent is not considered to be a 'fit & proper' person to hold an HMO licence, and
- 2) The property is unsuitable for occupation as an HMO for one, some or all of the following reasons:
- i) Its location
- ii) Its condition
- iii) Any amenities it contains
- iv) The type & number of persons likely to occupy it
- v) Whether any rooms within it have been subdivided
- vi) Whether any rooms within it have been adapted, resulting in an alteration to the water & drainage pipes within it
- vii) The safety & security of persons likely to occupy it
- viii) The possibility of undue public nuisance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The applicant is registered as a landlord with this Council and his registration includes the top-floor flat at No.25 South Mount Street.
- The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) has no record of any complaints of anti-social behaviour involving the tenants of the top-floor flat at No.25 South Mount Street.
- The extent of the above-mentioned work & certification requirements is as follows:
 - 1) All faulty or missing lightbulbs to be replaced immediately and lightshades fitted.
 - 2) CO detectors to be fitted in any room containing a gas appliance and/or
 - 3) The flat entrance door to be fitted with a lock with can be opened from the inside without the use of a key.
 - 4) All door handles to be repaired/replaced as necessary.
 - 5) All self-closing doors to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they fully close against their stops.
 - 6) All windows to be checked and adjusted as necessary to ensure that they open for ventilation.
 - 7) The mould growth in the shower-room to be treated with fungicidal wash then redecorated.

- 8) A prohibition Notice to be permanently displayed next to the open fireplaces.
- 9) A Certificate of Compliance, Landlords Gas Safe certificate, Electrical Installation Condition Report (including Portable Appliance Test certificate) and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement to be submitted to the HMO Unit.

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LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Iain Simpson

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD010

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/12/2019
- Renewal Application submitted 10/01/2020
- Determination Date 09/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Simpson has sat the test on 3 occasions- 02/12/2019, 16/12/2019 & 20/01/2020 (as permitted under previous test policy)

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion—

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- (i)for the time being disqualified from holding a licence, or
- (ii)not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence;
- (b)the activity to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant or renewal of such a licence if he made the application himself;
- (c)where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to—
- (i)the location, character or condition of the premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel;
- (ii)the nature and extent of the proposed activity;
- (iii)the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI OPERATOR LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Arthur Milne

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: T469

DESCRIPTION

- Taxi Licence Expiry 09/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 13/01/2020
- Determination Date 12/10/2020

The vehicle to which the licence relates has not been presented for either of the last two hackney tests which it is required to pass. The vehicle was last tested 22/11/2019.

It was not presented for its January 2020 test and the July 2020 test was cancelled due to the Taxi Inspection Centre closure as a result of covid19.

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All licensed vehicles must pass two hackney tests per 12 month period on dates determined by the licensing authority.

This has been relaxed to one per year as a result of the testing centre being unavailable due to the current situation.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion—

- (a)the applicant or, where the applicant is not a natural person, any director of it or partner in it or any other person responsible for its management, is either—
- (i)for the time being disqualified from holding a licence, or
- (ii)not a fit and proper person to be the holder of the licence;
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- (ii)the nature and extent of the proposed activity;
- (iii)the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Ali Rahmath

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PH043

DESCRIPTION

- PHC Licence Expiry 31/03/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 21/01/2020
- Determination Date 20/10/2020

The vehicle to which the licence relates has not been presented for the last hackney test which it is required to pass, therefore it has not been tested for 12 months. Last passed test on 09/09/2019.

It was not presented for its March 2020 test which was due prior to the Taxi Inspection Centre closure as a result of covid19.

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All licensed vehicles must pass two hackney tests per 12 month period on dates determined by the licensing authority. This has been relaxed to one test annually as a result of the unavailability of the test centre during the Covid-19 situation.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion—

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- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Irfan Bashir

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD038

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 22/01/2020
- Determination Date 21/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Bashir has sat the test on 4 occasions- 17/12/2018, 15/07/2019, 09/09/2019 & 10/02/2020 (3 of those free as permitted under previous test policy, 1 paid for under current test policy)

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

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- (ii)the nature and extent of the proposed activity;
- (iii)the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

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APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Mujeeb Rahman Kannegal

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD045

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 22/01/2020
- Determination Date 21/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Kannegal has not sat the test. Mr Kannegal was written to in February 2017 confirming he would be required to pass the street knowledge test at his next licence renewal.

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

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- (iii)the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Bharat Chhokar

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD057

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 22/01/2020
- Determination Date 21/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Chhokar has sat the test on 16 occasions- 07/03/2018, 27/08/2018, 29/10/2018, 17/12/2018, 14/01/2019, 28/01/2019, 11/02/2019, 20/05/2019, 01/07/2019, 12/08/2019, 26/08/2019, 23/09/2019, 16/12/2019, 20/01/2020, 17/02/2020 & 02/03/2020 (3 of those free as permitted under previous test policy, 13 paid for under current test policy)

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

- A licensing authority shall refuse an application to grant or renew a licence if, in their opinion—
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- (iii)the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel;
- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Nathan Harbi

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD054

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 22/01/2020
- Determination Date 21/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Harbi has sat the test on 4 occasions- 16/12/2019, 20/01/2020, 20/01/2020 & 17/02/2020 (3 of those free as permitted under previous test policy, 1 paid for under current test policy)

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

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- (iv)the possibility of undue public nuisance; or
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- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE

LICENCE HOLDER: Lawrence Morrison

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE: PHD046

DESCRIPTION

- PHD Licence Expiry 31/01/2020
- Renewal Application submitted 31/01/2020
- Determination Date 30/10/2020

Licensing Committee policy from 2016 is that all Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

To date Mr Morrison has not sat the test. Mr Morrison was written to in February 2017 confirming he would be required to pass the street knowledge test at his next licence renewal.

LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Police Scotland

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

All Taxi and Private Hire Car drivers must pass the street knowledge test before a licence can be granted or if they already hold a licence (at December 2016) without having passed the test, they must do so at the next renewal of their licence.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

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- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

Agenda Item 7.13

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET SEPTEMBER 2020

TYPE OF APPLICATION: STREET TRADER (VARIATION)
APPLICANT: JOHN HOWARTH – TANYA'S PIZZA

INFORMATION NOTE

DESCRIPTION

Variation of Street Trader Licence

CONSULTEES

- Police Scotland
- Environmental Health
- Roads

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Public Objections x 15 1 Public Objection received Late

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

The Committee will need to consider if they wish to accept the late objection.

GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL

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- (v)public order or public safety; or
- (d)there is other good reason for refusing the application;

and otherwise shall grant the application.

Objection 1

11 July 2020

For the attention of Licensing at Aberdeen City

licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to make an objection to the application by J. A. Holwarth for Tanya's Pizza Pies Ltd food van outside the Harlaw Field playing field between 09.00-12.00 on a Saturday.

Our reasons are as follows:

- 1. This will cause a litter problem on the street. Even if a bin is provided by the food van or Council, not all customers will choose to use it. The majority will not stand by the van and eat their food. The are far more likely to walk off with their order and eat it on the street as they make their way home or to their car. Neither will they walk to the two council bins sited at either end of Harlaw Road to deposit their food cartons or wrappers. This will create a significant litter nuisance on Harlaw Road.
- 2. Under the present threat from Covid 19, this increased level of litter will create a significant risk to Public Health and Safety. Food cartons, wrappers, with uneaten food will inevitably be left lying around on the street. I presume there is no Council budget to provide a litter warden for this period. We do not have a culture of 'take your rubbish with you and dispose of it at home'. The litter, will of course be covered in saliva and sweat and thrown away as people walk to their car. This is a serious health hazard in the current Pandemic. This is not an imagined problem. The experience of residents over the years is that pupils on their way home and children leaving the field, thoughtlessly discard their drink cans and crisp bags on the pavement and into gardens.
- 3. The siting of this van will compromise social distancing. A queue on the pavement will make it difficult to maintain appropriate social distancing as others walk by or to their cars. This is not a risk that should be taken at this time.

We hope our objection will be fully considered.

Objection 2

10th June 2020

Licencing department

Aberdeen Council

Reference - Street Trades Licence - John Allan Howarth - Harlaw Road

I wish to strongly object to the above licencing application on the grounds based on the following points

- 1. Road safety this road is extremely busy when there are events on in the playing field parking is so congested even at present it a danger without having a burger van to add to the mix.
- 2. Parking issues residents struggle to park with their residential parking permits as it is so congested, people park over our driveways and abandon their cars we really don't need a burger van to add to this.
- 3. Noise people gathering at the van will create more noise and disruption.
- 4. Smell Nuisance fast food smells travel a long way in a breeze and it would be intolerable for the local residence and this is a residential area.
- 5. Litter there is no doubt a pizza / burger van will create greasy dirty litter and not everyone will dispose of it correctly leaving the street littered with rubbish.
- 6. We have urban foxes which live in the field and a food van will causing more scavenging for then.
- 7. Definatly not a healthy food message.
- 8. We have enough local established businesses to supply any demand.

I hope you will recommend refusal.

Objection 3

We refer to the Application dated 27^{th} May 2020 for a variation to allow operation of Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Ltd in Harlaw Road Aberdeen on a Saturday morning .

We as local residents wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this application for the following reasons :

- 1 The road is particularly congested with parents delivering and collecting children for training / matches and many are dropped off at the entrance gate . There is a fairly constant stream of traffic since the training / matches are for specific periods so there is much movement of traffic throughout the period. Parking in the road is at a premium . Having a hot food van will compromise the safety of children .
- 2 This activity is completely inappropriate in a residential area with smell from cooking and noise and fumes associated with such a van .
- 3 Encouraging youngsters to use such a facility following sport seems inappropriate. Surely the Local Authority should be encouraging healthy eating habits.

We would request that these comments be taken into account in making a decision.

Objection 4

Dear Mr Bell.

Please find below an objection to the proposed license to sell hot food on Harlaw Road Aberdeen from Mr John Howarth of Tanyas Pizza & Pies Ltd.

I have concerns about how this Hot Food establishment would impact on the environment and from the additional litter that would result from it. There is already a lack of respect from many of the users of the playing fields with grass and mud being kicked off boots and scrapped on kerbs adjacent to where their parents park cars rather than at the gates to the fields and there is no expectation that the disposal of litter or left over food would be any different. Food waste in the field itself would encourage vermin and there are already foxes which nest in and around the Harlaw Field and they would scavenge on this discarded food, and a rat infestation at Walker Dam recently could occur if food waste is not managed. Access and use of the road would be compromised and there would be a higher risk to road accidents to the children with vison being obstructed for both the road users and the pedestrians. Parking is already an issue on Saturday mornings and this would add to the chaos at this busy time. Another factor is the Health message it would send out. Hot Pies and Pizza is not a good public health message to send out to young sports people.

Objection 5

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the above application on two counts.

- 1. The parking facilities/availability on Harlaw Road on any occasion the playing fields are used are already well overstretched. There are insufficient spaces on Harlaw Road and the surrounding roads to accommodate the vehicles that arrive during these periods. Indiscriminate parking takes place blocking driveways, garages and even blocking some of the surrounding lanes due to vehicles parking on both corners. In addition I have seen cars parked on an adjacent disabled parking space causing the residents consternation and upset. Should this application be passed it would I am sure only encourage people visiting the playing field to stay in the area and further compounding the problem.
- 2. Harlaw Road already has to suffer irresponsible dropping of litter (eg fast food containers etc) on the road/pavement from vehicle occupants who park their vehicles on the street in the evening. A fast food street trader would only add to the litter that would be irresponsible dropped in the street which is both unsightly and would undoubtedly attract vermin.

I therefore request that this Street Traders Licence be rejected.

Yours faithfully

Objection 6

I am writing to lodge an objection to the proposed street traders licence for a fast food van on Harlaw Road on Saturday mornings. There are several reasons of concern including:

- Increased litter from empty packaging and waste food. This will only exacerbate the issue of foxes in the area (we already have issues in our garden with this) and seagulls. The amount of litter already left on Harlaw Road and between the fence and hedges is unacceptable.
- 2. Safety of unaccompanied children on Harlaw Road potentially running/congregating around the van when there is already significant traffic on Saturday mornings when football is played.
- 3. Increased traffic in the area and parking issues which are already significant on Saturday mornings. This will only get worse if cars are encouraged to remain in the area for people to visit the fast food van causing potential issues for local residents.

I know we are not alone in having concerns and as a parent and ex-coach of an Ashley Road School kids football team I am highly supportive of football and the use of Harlaw Playing fields for this purpose on Saturday mornings. We did not have nor need a fast food van then and I see no need for one now

Objection 7

Dear Mr Bell,

Objection to the Application for a Street Traders License.

Licence Holder — John Allan Howarth, 3 Fairview gardens, Danestone, Aberdeen AB22 8ZD

Premises — Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Limited

Location - Harlaw Road

I am a resident of Harlaw Road for the past 18 years. I am objecting strongly to this application for the following reasons —

Harlaw Road is a residential street. There are ample coffee shops, restaurants, shops, food outlets around the area without the need to add the eyesore of a fast food van. The van will take custom away from the established businesses in the area.

Increased Litter —the current situation on a Saturday morning is bad enough with many people attending their sports events in the playing field and simply throwing their litter on the ground, into the hedges and bushes adjoining the playing fields or into our front garden. There are no litter bins currently at the gates of the playing fields. Adding a take-away food van will simply increase the volume of discarded litter in the street.

Increased Noise Pollution — the fast food van will require a generator to run to supply power to the van. This will increase the noise levels for those living in immediate proximity to the van.

Smell — the fast food van will have a smell from the cooking. Again, this is unacceptable for those residents who live close to the van's proposed location.

Increased traffic flow — parking on a Saturday morning in Harlaw Road is a nightmare at the best of times with many cars dropping off and collecting children, as well as parents watching their children playing. As a resident this causes significant issues as there is a shortage of car parking spaces specifically designated for residents on a Saturday. A fast food van will add to the traffic flow and thus exacerbate the parking issue.

Road safety — following on from the point above, there have been several near-misses over the years with children running into the road from behind parked cars and vans — often chasing balls that have come over the fence. The increase in traffic caused by the fast food van will increase the likelihood of an accident.

Road speed limit— Harlaw Road is a wide street, often used as a rat run by drivers. Many of these drivers travel at speeds in excess of the 30 mph limit. There are no speed restrictions (speed bumps, chicanes, 20 is Plenty, or similar) at this time on Harlaw Road. The increase in traffic created by the fast food van will simply increase this problem. It is strange that the road around the entrance to the playing fields does not already have some form of speed restrictions installed.

Healthy eating — there is currently an obesity epidemic in Scotland. Allowing a fast food van to operate does not sit with the Government's desire to redress this obesity epidemic.

Increased Vermin — There is currently a problem with foxes living and breeding in Harlaw Playing Fields. The foxes scavage for food in the area around the playing fields and are often seen in the residents gardens. The increased availability of discarded food scraps and litter will encourage the foxes to remain and to breed. A similar case can be made for rats and for mice.

Trading period — the current application states that the license is for a Saturday morning only. In normal times sports activities take place in Harlaw Playing Fields throughout the week. It will only be a matter of time until Mr. Howarth — or others — apply for extended opening hours. We will then be left with a permanent eye-sore blighting the street before long.

There is nothing in the application that states the fast food van will be removed at the end of the Saturday morning trading period. This needs to be an express condition if a license is awarded.

I urge you to reject this application. I have communicated my concerns to Martin Grieg, our local councillor who is not in favour of this application.

Objection 8

Dear Sir/Madam.

I write regarding the permission for a burger van at the Rubislaw end of Harlaw Road in Aberdeen. There has been no signage displayed in Forest Avenue or Harlaw Road to intimate this request. I only heard about it from a neighbour which makes me wonder whether you want this to be common knowledge. I don't think it is a suitable proposition for this location.

Parents abandon their cars, jeeps anywhere along the road with little thought

for fellow drivers.

The children have no road sense and open the car doors onto oncoming traffic

which is extremely alarming.

Children run over the road between cars without looking often, when parents are too busy speaking to others on their mobiles.

It is very difficult to drive up and down Harlaw Road when there is an event taking place at either field due to lack of parking facilities. If a burger van was installed, the traffic and people waiting to be served would be dangerous for drivers let alone excited children! The smell and the rubbish left by people would not be picked up resulting in a unwanted vermin population let alone the presence of a fox and cubs living in the Rubislaw field which patrols all our gardens.

From the health point of view, I thought we were supposed to be addressing the obesity problem in children, not adding to it.

For eleven years I was a classroom assistant and enjoy children, however the noise, mess, disruption to drivers and dangerous road safety would be the problems foremost in my mind.

Thank you for your attention.

Objection 9

To whom it may concern,

- 1 Licence Holder John Allan Howarth, 31 Fairview Gardens, Danstane, Aberdeen, AB22 82D
- 2 Type of Licence Street Trader Licence
- 3 Premises Tanyas Pizzas and Pies Limited
- 4 Details of variation Location, Harlaw Road, outside gate of playing field, at end of double yellow lines in car park permitted area. Day: Saturday, Time 0900 1200

With reference to the above, I am writing to you as a local resident to place an objection to this application. The reasons for this apart for the negative impact to my home of having a takeaway van in front of my house and the loss of amenity caused by this is, are as follows

- Existing traffic and parking problems. Saturday mornings on Harlaw Road are absolute chaos, both for the residents and visitors for the football trying to park anywhere. My drive is often parked across on Saturday mornings which causes me great frustration and a van and associated equipment is likely to take up a couple of valuable spaces for parking, causing even greater traffic problems
- Existing Litter problems after the football, which would only get worse. I really don't understand
 people and how many parents and kids feel it acceptable just to leave their rubbish behind.
 Again it is not unusual for litter to be stuffed in my hedge of getting blown about my garden. I
 feel I have to tidy up much of this already and a takeaway outlet will only create more rubbish
- Disturbing noise from generator to power the van. Although limited hours, would anybody appreciate a generator running unnecessarily outside their house?
- Environmental pollution from smell. As much as I may enjoy a pizza (on my own terms), it is unacceptable to subject home owners to such odours in a residential area
- Most importantly, Child safety. Children tend to run across the road and a high sided take-away van will obstruct the already compromised view of other drivers and people trying to cross the road. Speeding and inappropriate movements of vehicles is prevalent on Saturday morning. With all of this and double parking, I'm surprised nobody that I'm aware of have been knocked over. A neighbour however did have his dog killed by a speeding motorist. The possible excitement of a child seeing or rushing to get to such a facility has to be questioned and surely mitigating such an additional risk has to be addressed

I do appreciate Mr Howarth believing that this could be lucrative for his business, but I would question if he himself or anybody would wish such an operation outside their own home. All I ask is if you can please consider the above and please also visit Harlaw Road / Cromwell Road and surrounding areas on a Saturday morning (when things go back to normal) to fully appreciate the madness that already prevails

Objection 10

I wish to register my objection to the above application. I and my family have enjoyed living in the quiet residential street of Harlaw Road for over 50 years.

Children have played their sports happily in the Harlaw and Rubislaw Fields and we have been pleased to see them. It has never been necessary for they or their parents to have "street food" in the past and I am sure this continues to apply.

Car parking is a nightmare on Saturday morning because of the large number of vehicles carrying children to the fields and, I am sure that a van parked on the road would not only use several spaces in itself but would attract vehicles carrying people from surrounding areas to buy "street food".

My wife is severely disabled and requires a wheelchair to go out. Frequently, the disabled space outside our house is occupied by non disabled people taking children to the field. I have no doubt that a food van parked in the road would exacerbate this problem.

Another reason for objection is the undoubted dropping of litter and food waste on the road and pavements which, of course, would attract all kinds of vermin.

For the above reasons I do object to the application.

Objection 11

With reference to the above Application for Street Trader Licence - Harlaw Road (Tanya's Pizzas and Pies

Queens Cross / Harlaw Community Council wish to object to the application for several reasons:-

- 1. Neighbours in the area strongly object
- 2. Harlaw Road at that time on a Saturday morning is already busy with people and cars trying to park, sometimes blocking the street with double parking and confusion being caused with many parents and children trying to cross Harlaw Road to get to the playing field.
- 3. The proliferation of people and cars means there is much confusion especially at the playing field gates which already endangers parents and children. This situation would be exacerbated.
- 4. The car parking difficulty already creates problems on Harlaw Road and several adjoining streets nearby as cars inevitably encroach on entry and exit routes to residents houses in the area. This will be made worse with less space and people in cars staying longer as they buy and eat food from this Trader.
- 5. The mess and noise that will inevitably been caused will be a nuisance for residents on Harlaw Road
- 6. The facility is inappropriate for what is normally a quiet residential area

7. Inevitable food waste created would attract animals, birds and vermin to the area which would be a hazard for residents.

As one resident commented "It will cause Chaos in an already problematic area". It will also create further dangers to children crossing and recrossing Harlaw Road with cars continually on the move.

Objection 12

Dear Mr Bell

License Application — Street Trader to operate a hot food service — Harlaw Road (Saturdays 9.0012.00)

I refer to the recent notice in the Evening Express and I wish to add some comments. As a resident for many years I am very keen to see ongoing sporting opportunities for our young people at Harlaw and Rubislaw playing fields. It really is a vital resource for the area.

I wonder if it could be possible that the hot food van could be sited within the Harlaw playing field on the tarmac area near the changing rooms? I assume the vendor would be arriving early for setting up so would not be in the way of children arriving to play. As a parent who stood in the cold watching many a game of football, I can see the attraction of a hot drink and snacks during and after the games. In previous years we were lucky to benefit from snacks provided from a hatch within the pavilion.

My concern with siting the van on the street is a safety measure. Traffic is extremely busy with cars dropping children at different times and we often see children darting across the street between parked and moving cars. The van would add an extra attraction for everyone and perhaps add to the number of children and adults milling about on the pavement and around the already busy road. If the van was in the park, queuing would be maintained in a safer venue and the vendor might take responsibility for clearing any left over litter after the games finish.

In general, I am supportive of the idea but am very concerned about the safety directly on the road itself. I look forward to hearing the outcome.

Objection 13

Dear Sir,

I refer to the application by Tanya's Pizzas and Pies for a licence to operate a fast food van on a Saturday morning on Harlaw Road.

I would like to object to the application on the grounds that there will be additional litter generated by the sale of fast food in this location. This is a quiet residential area and I don't believe a fast food van is appropriate here.

I also object because I am increasingly concerned by the boldness of the local foxes which live in the playing fields. They are often seen in our garden and cause us some concern as we have a new puppy. More readily available and easily discarded food will surely encourage them and I do not think that is a good thing for the area.

Objection 14

Good Afternnon

I believe an application has been made for a street traders license for a pizza van to operate on Harlaw Road outside the gate of one of the playing fields.

I wish to put in an objection to this on the account that I do not think it is the proper location for such a van in a reidential area, there are also no litter bins in the vicinity for the inevitable wrappers and left over food to go in it. All this will do is encourage seagulls, foxes etc. Parking is severely restricted on a Saturday there anyway, all this will do is add to the congesiton there. I see the request is for a Saturday only but as the playing fields are used on a daily basis for school games, the use of the van may gradually increase!

Objection 15

Dear Sirs,

I have been made aware of an application for a licence to trade in Pizza and pie sales from a mobile van in Harlaw Road on Saturday mornings.

I strongly object to this application and sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and decline this application.

Having been a resident in Harlaw Road for over 25 years, I am fully aware of the impact Saturday morning activities in the Harlaw Playing Fields, creates in the area. During the football season, there are games and activities held every Saturday at the Harlaw playing fields. The vehicular traffic during this time can only be described as chaotic and shambolic. The street quickly becomes almost grid-locked, with parents dropping-off, picking up and inconsiderate parking. We are regularly having to speak to drivers who park across our driveway, blocking our access from coming or going. It would be extremely inappropriate to attempt to have a food sales van operating in the middle of such a congested street. Children's safety has to be seriously considered, never mind litter, smells etc.

I trust that after due consideration, this application will be rejected.

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	1 September 2020
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Licensing Committee Annual Effectiveness Report
REPORT NUMBER	COM/20/119
DIRECTOR	Commissioning
CHIEF OFFICER	Governance – Fraser Bell
REPORT AUTHOR	Mark Masson
TERMS OF REFERENCE	GD 8.5

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the annual report of the Licensing Committee to enable Members to provide comment on the data contained within.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee:-

- 2.1 provide comments and observations on the data contained within the annual report; and
- 2.2 note the annual report of the Licensing Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

Annual Reports on Committee Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The annual committee effectiveness reports were introduced in 2018/19 following a recommendation from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) as part of the Council's work towards securing that organisation's accreditation in governance excellence. The Terms of Reference set out that each Committee will review its own effectiveness against its Terms of Reference through the mechanism of the annual report.
- 3.2 The annual effectiveness reports were mentioned by CIPFA in their recent report which awarded the Mark of Excellence in Governance accreditation to Aberdeen City Council. CIPFA highlighted the implementation of the annual effectiveness reports as a matter of good practice in governance and were encouraged that, during consideration of the reports at Committee and Council,

Members had made suggestions for improvements to the reports in future years.

- 3.3 As well as the CIPFA Accreditation, Committee Services also recently won SOLAR Administration Team of the Year 2020 in March 2020 in recognition of the introduction of the annual committee effectiveness reports and the process which allows Committees to examine how they can improve the way they do business, while providing assurance that they are undertaking their role effectively.
- 3.4 Data from the annual effectiveness reports was used to inform the review of the Scheme of Governance, ensuring that Committee Terms of Reference were correctly aligned, and identifying any areas of the Terms of Reference which had not been used throughout the year in order that they could be reviewed and revised if necessary. The information from the effectiveness reports will also be used to feed into the Annual Governance Statement.
- 3.5 The reports provide a mechanism for each committee to annually review its effectiveness, including data on attendance, any late reports, referrals to Council and the number of times officer recommendations were amended, and to ensure that it is following its Terms of Reference.
- 3.6 Similarly, recording the sections of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which apply to each report allows Members to be aware of the direct impact of any proposals before them on the LOIP, and gives a general overview at the end of each year of the number of reports which have had an impact on the LOIP outcomes. Officers also actively review the data gathered to ensure that it aligns to Council's operating model and decisions taken by the Council throughout the year. This part of the annual report will be expanded for the next year of reporting to incorporate the changes to the outcomes section of the committee report template. That section now asks report authors to consider the implications of their report for the Council Delivery Plan, which incorporates the LOIP outcomes.
- 3.7 While the above is one section of the annual effectiveness report template which officers aim to amend for future reporting, any comments from Members on additional areas of data that should be considered would be welcomed to ensure that Members are presented with meaningful data.
- 3.8 The annual report for 2019/2020 is therefore appended for the Committee's consideration. Following consideration by the Committee, the report will be submitted to Council in December for noting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial consequences from the recommendation of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Strategic	N/A		
Risk			
Compliance	N/A		
Operational	N/A		
Financial	N/A		
Reputational	N/A		
Environment	N/A		
/ Climate			

7. OUTCOMES

7.1 There are no links to the Council Delivery Plan, however the committee effectiveness annual reports link to the Scheme of Governance, by ensuring that each committee is fulfilling its Terms of Reference.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Licensing Committee Annual Effectiveness Report (29 April 2019) to (30 April 2020).

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 I am pleased to present the second annual effectiveness report for the Licensing Committee. This annual report is a good mechanism for the Committee to reflect on the business of the Committee over the past year and to look to the Committee's focus for the year ahead and represents good practice in terms of governance.
- 1.2 In terms of the business over the last year, the Committee has worked collectively to ensure that its decision-making process was open and transparent, and all parties treated fairly and equally. It was also encouraging to see the responses to the public consultations as a result of greater use of all media channels.
- 1.3 The Committee has also been proactive in reviewing Policy and seeking assurance that it was operating in accordance with legislation and best practice and I am confident that this will continue into the year ahead.



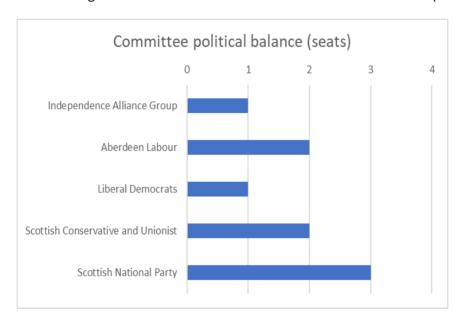
Councillor John ReynoldsConvener, Licensing Committee

2. THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The role of the Committee is to deal with the functions of the Council in relation to all licensing matters under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and all other Acts (not falling specifically within the remit of the Licensing Board or any other Committee) covering personal or other licenses, certificates and permits.
- **2.2** Although Council approved new Terms of Reference for the Committee in March 2020, this reporting period relates to the previous Terms of Reference which are appended to the report.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE DURING 2019/2020

3.1 The Licensing Committee has nine Elected Members and the composition is outlined below.



4. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

4.1 During the reporting period there was one change in membership with Councillor Mennie replacing Councillor Hutchison prior to the October 2019 meeting.

5. MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Member	Total Anticipated Attendances	Total Attendances	Nominated Substitutes
John Reynolds (C)	5	5	
M. Tauqeer Malik (VC)	5	4	Sandra Macdonald
Yvonne Allan	5	5	
Philip Bell	5	2	Alan Donnelly & John Wheeler
Steve Delaney	5	4	Martin Greig
Dell Henrickson	5	5	
Michael Hutchison	2	1	David Cameron
Jessica Mennie	3	2	Ciaran McRae
Philip Sellar	5	5	
Gordon Townson	5	5	

6. MEETING CONTENT

6.1 During the 2019/2020 reporting period (29 April 2019 to 30 April 2020), the Committee had 5 meetings and considered a total of 5 reports.

6.2 Terms of Reference

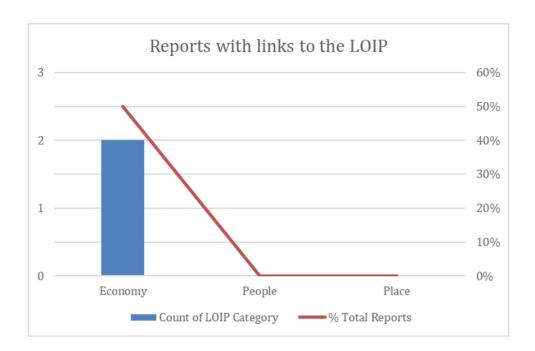
Of the 5 reports received the following table details how the reports aligned to the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Terms of Reference	Count of
	Terms of
	Reference
Powers of Committee 3	3
Powers of Committee 7	2

- **6.3**. During the course of 2019/2020, the Licensing Committee received reports under two of its Terms of Reference, these related to either Powers of Committee 3 (to consider all other matters relating to licensing including the setting of taxi fares and the designation of taxi stances); and Powers of Committee 7 (review and approve policies relating to the Committee's function).
- 6.4 The majority of the other remits of the Committee's Terms of Reference were reported to the Committee by means of licensing applications, of which there were 41 considered during the reporting period. This would indicate that the Committee has discharged its role throughout the course of the reporting period.

6.5 Local Outcome Improvement Plan

The following table details how the reports had a link to the themes of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.



6.6 Reports and Committee Decisions

The following table details the outcome of the Committee's consideration of the five reports presented to it throughout the year.

	Total	% Total Reports
Confidential	0	0%
Exempt	0	0%
Number of reports where the Committee has amended officer recommendations	0	0%
Number and percentage of reports approved unanimously	4	80%
Number of reports or service updates requested by members during the consideration of another report to provide additional assurance and not in forward planner	0	0%
Service update requested	0	0%
Number of decisions delayed for further information	0	0%

Number of times the Convener has had to remind Members about acceptable behaviour and the ethical values of Public Life	0	0%
Number of late reports received by the Committee (i.e. reports not available for inspection by members of the public at least three clear days before a meeting)	0	0%
Number of referrals to Council, or other Committees in terms of Standing Order 33.1	0	0%

6.7 Notices of Motion, Suspension of Standing Orders, Interface with the Public

Number of notices of motion	0
Number of times Standing Orders were	0
suspended and the specific Standing	
Orders suspended	
Standing order number (ref)	-
Number of deputations or other	1
indicators of interface with the public,	
i.e. engagement and social media.	
Number of petitions considered	0
Number of Members attending	0
meetings of the Committee as	
observers	
Number of Meetings held by the	As and when
Convener with other Conveners,	required
relevant parties, to discuss joint	
working and key issues being raised at	
other Committee meetings	

7. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Training on the role of the Licensing Committee was provided for all elected members following the Local Government Election in May 2017. A further training session was provided in March 2018.
- 7.2 Training for elected members on licensing matters was undertaken in June 2019. Training was also provided to Councillor Mennie on 17 October 2019, prior to her first meeting as a member of the Committee.
- **7.3** The requirement for any further training will be monitored throughout 2020/21 and developed if requested by Members.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.1 There were 3 declarations of interest in total during the reporting period and it was made by the same Member in respect of 3 applications on the same agenda. We measure this information to evidence awareness of the requirements to adhere to the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the responsibility to ensure fair decision making.

9. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- 9.1 The Committee's focus throughout the reporting period has largely been on compliance with the licensing legislation. A number of public consultations have been undertaken by the Committee in order to engage with the wider public to inform the development and approval of policy, in particular regarding the proposed licensing regime for Sexual Entertainment Venues. In doing so, there has been greater use of all available media channels to increase participation and ensure a wider audience and range of responses.
- 9.2 The Committee also liaises directly with representatives of the taxi and private hire car vehicle trade by way of the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group throughout the year to discuss matters of interest to the trade. Representatives from Police Scotland, the Disability Equity Partnership and Trades Unions also participate in these discussions. Any recommendations from the Consultation Group were considered by the Committee.
- **9.3** The Committee has also engaged with statutory partners such as Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Roads Authority, Environmental Health and Building Standards to ensure all public safety matters are being brought to the Committee's attention.

10. OFFICER SUPPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Officer	Total Anticipated Attendances	Total Attendances	Substitute Attendances
Private Sector Housing Manager	5	5	
Legal – Licensing Solicitor	5	5	

11. EXECUTIVE LEAD'S COMMENTS

- 11.1 The Committee would appear to be working effectively noting that:-
 - No decisions on committee reports required to be delayed;
 - The two main terms of reference were engaged;
 - The vast majority of business was approved/noted unanimously;
 - All applications were considered by the Committee in accordance with the statutory requirements; and
 - All committee reports were able to be considered in public.
- 11.2 No late reports were submitted to the Committee showing evidence that Committee business was being appropriately managed and scheduled.

- 11.3 The reporting mechanisms of the various licensing applications to the Committee were reviewed by officers during the reporting period and to ensure the presentation of consistent information and decision making by the Committee, a single standard reporting template has been introduced.
- 11.4 Throughout the next reporting period we will continue to review the Committee's business against the new Terms of Reference and any changes proposed will be considered as part of the annual review of the Council's Scheme of Governance.

12. NEXT YEAR'S FOCUS

- 12.1 The Committee will continue to discharge functions by licensing legislation with any changes to existing legislation, or new legislation being reported to the Committee in a timely manner. Policies will also be kept under review and consulted upon, where applicable, to ensure they remain fit for purpose; comply with legislation and align to the Council's strategies (including the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan).
- 12.2 In considering the review of policies when required by legislative changes as well as matters arising from the business planner the Committee will continue to consider how those decisions can integrate with and support the Council's Policy Statement. This will include ensuring the taxi and private hire trade play an important part in the local transport strategy and are well placed to contribute to the accessibility of all parts of the city to visitors and residents alike, and that all licensable activity is carried out in a manner designed to safeguard public safety.
- 12.3 In terms of legislation, licensing income must be generally equivalent to licensing expenditure. The Committee is responsible for the setting of taxi fares and a report on the review of the existing taxi fare formula, including surcharges, was submitted for the Committee's consideration early in 2020.
- 12.4 Following review, the Council on 2 March 2020 approved new Terms of Reference, upon which the Terms of Reference for the Annual Report for 2020/21 will be based. Throughout the next reporting year, we will review the Terms of Reference in line with the business submitted to the Committee and reflect on whether any areas require refinement moving forward to ensure the efficient operation of the Committee.
- **12.5** Annual refresher training covering all areas of the Committee's Terms of Reference will be provided.
- 12.6 The introduction of a new licensing regime for Sexual Entertainment Venues will require the Committee to formulate a Policy Statement and keep it under review to ensure venues are operating in line with the licensing objectives.

Licensing Committee Terms of Reference - Approved by Council on 4 March 2019

LICENSING COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

To deal with the functions of the Council in relation to all licensing matters under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and all other Acts (not falling specifically within the remit of the Licensing Board or any other Committee) covering personal or other licences, certificates and permits. This includes but is not restricted to applications for:

Licences under Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Mandatory Licences

- Metal Dealer's Licences
- Indoor Sports Entertainment Licences
- Skin Piercing and Tattoo Licences
- Houses in Multiple Occupation Licences
- Knife Dealer's Licences
- Taxi Booking Office Licences

Discretionary Licences

- · Taxi and Private Hire Car Licences
- · Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver's Licences
- · Second Hand Dealer's Licences
- · Boat Hire Licences
- · Street Trader's Licences
- · Market Operator's Licences
- · Public Entertainment Licences
- · Late Hours Catering Licences
- · Window Cleaner's Licences
- · Sex Shop Licences
- · Permission to organisations for public charitable collections and public processions

Miscellaneous Licences under other Legislation

- Houses in Multiple Occupation Housing (Scotland) Act 2006
- Registration of Private Landlords Antisocial Behaviour etc.(Scotland) Act 2004
- Theatre Licence Theatres Act 1968
- Cinema Licence Cinemas Act 1985
- Safety in Sports Grounds Safety in Sports Grounds Act 1975

POWERS OF COMMITTEE

The Committee will:

- 1. consider applications for the grant, renewal, revocation, variation or suspension of any licence as appropriate;
- consider applications and reviews for Houses in Multiple Occupation under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (the responsibility for all other matters relating to the licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation resting with the Operational Delivery Committee);

- 3. consider all other matters relating to licensing including the setting of taxi fares and the designation of taxi stances;
- 4. approve and monitor the Council's functions under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975;
- 5. consider landlord registration applications under the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004;
- 6. consider film classifications under the Cinemas Act 1985;
- review and approve policies relating to its function;
- 8. consider theatre licences under the Theatres Act 1968; and
- 9. consider which of the optional licences they will invoke and which categories of activity within those licence categories shall be licenced under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

JOINT WORKING WITH OTHER COMMITTEES

The Committee, through its lead officers, Convener and Vice Convener, will regularly consider key issues arising through other committees of the Council, including the Public Protection Committee. This will help ensure that matters of mutual interest are dealt with in the most efficient and effective way.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Members of the Sub Committee will be members of the Licensing Committee.

The Sub Committee will:

- 1. consider any application referred to it by the Licensing Committee for the grant, renewal, revocation, variation or suspension of any licence; and
- 2. consider and determine any urgent business placed before it by the Chief Officer Governance relating to any matters falling within the remit of the Licensing Committee.

Executive Lead: Chief Officer - Governance



ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	1 st September 2020
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Taxi Fare Review
REPORT NUMBER	COM/20/122
DIRECTOR	N/A
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell
REPORT AUTHOR	Karen Gatherum
TERMS OF REFERENCE	15.3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. To provide the Committee with evidence from the taxi fare tariff calculator that will allow it to reach an informed decision on any changes to be made to the current taxi fare tariff and comply with its duty to review taxi fares under section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- Approves either Option A <u>or</u> Option B detailed at section 3.4 of this report as the proposed scales to be advertised for the taxi fare review in terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982;
- 2.3 Instructs the Chief Officer-Governance to advertise the proposed scales agreed in a newspaper circulating in its area for at least one month together with the general effect of the proposed scales and the date when it is proposed that they will take effect; and
- 2.4 Instructs the Chief Officer-Governance to submit a report to the Licensing Committee on 10 November 2020 on the outcome of the consultation on the proposed scales and seeking a final decision on the future taxi fare levels to be adopted from 30 November 2020.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Matters to Be Taken Into Account When Undertaking a Fare Review.
- The Scottish Government's Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice 3.1.1 for Licensing Authorities issued April 2012 states that authorities are advised as best practice to pay regard to advice contained in paragraphs 2.34-2.37 of Scottish Development Department Circular 25/1986. It states that, "in fixing fares, authorities will want to pay primary regard to the costs incurred by the trade, having regard to the capital costs (including interest payments) of the vehicles, the costs of maintaining and replacing them to a standard of the licensing authority, of employing drivers and the prevalent level of wages and costs in related road transport industries. The public interest is best served by ensuring the maintenance of an adequate taxi service by giving the trade a fair return rather than depressing fares for social reasons, understandable."

3.2 Taxi Fare Formula

3.2.1 A change index is used to calculate the percentage change in costs since the fares were last reviewed. The index used is the outcome of advice received in April 2013 by the Committee from consultants engaged for that purpose and is based on two component parts: operating costs and average earnings.

Change Index = Change Costs + Change Earnings.

3.2.2 The formula assumes an average annual mileage of 27,786 miles, which is the figure arrived at after sampling 10% of the fleet. It also assumes a vehicle life of five years. At present, the fleet comprises 49% saloon cars and 51% wheelchair accessible vehicles. The vehicle cost is based on the weighted average costs of a typical saloon car (Toyota Avensis) and a typical accessible vehicle (Peugeot Partner Premier). Prices are based on the basic diesel model for each. To calculate the annual cost, it is assumed that each have a lifecycle of five years. Parts, tyres, labour and fuel costs are obtained from the annual table of running costs for diesel vehicles from the HPI Motoring cost website at https://www.hpi.co.uk/tco-check#product-tco. The Formula identifies the AA website as the source to be used for the average running cost figures, however. the AA cost figures have not been updated since 2014. At the Licensing Committee on 9 July 2019 the Committee advised officers to look for an updated source to replace the AA source. After a failed attempt to contact Halcrow for an alternative source to use, officers identified the HPI website as being the best site to use for the calculation, due to it being a recognised financial data company and the ability to calculate up to date costs per typical model of private hire car. The figures for earnings are obtained from the Office of national Statistics (ONS), Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) and use the UK annual mean earnings for full time employees.

3.3 <u>Index Cost Calculations</u>

3.3.1 The table below shows that using the above formula costs have since the last review took place on 03 December 2019.

Component in Index	Annual Cost	Annual Cost	% Change
	2019	2020	
Vehicle cost	£4,633	£4,441	-4.19
Tyres	£686	£658	-4.08
Garage and servicing- Labour	£927	£481	-48.11
Fuel	£2,781	£1,879	-32.43
Insurance	£1,300	£1,300	0
Miscellaneous	£360	£375	4.17
Replacement Parts	£805	£877	8.94
Total Operating Costs	£11,492	£10,011	-14.79
Average National Earnings	£36,611	£36,611	0
National Insurance	£156	£159	1.92
Total Index Costs	£48,259	£46,781	-3.16

3.3.2 The Taxi and Private Car Hire representatives requested a further review in February 2020 to reflect the increase of the barrier charge at Aberdeen Airport. The barrier charge was increased by £1.00 in the same week as the 03 December 2019 Licensing Committee where the Committee agreed fixed the fares for 2020 and 2021. The legislation does not allow for a partial fare review, therefore, the review had to be carried out in its entirety and the consultation and implementation process completed as in previous reviews. Since this request, the cost of fuel has dropped significantly. This is shown in the table as a reduction of 3.16% of total index costs in the comparison of costs between 2019 and 2020.

3.4 Options

3.4.1 **Option A:** Agrees to the current basic tariff and to increase surcharge 8 tariff by £1.00 to a charge of £3.00; (See Appendix 1)

<u>OR</u>

3.4.2 **Option B**: Agrees to decrease the basic tariff by 3 percent and to increase surcharge 8 tariff by £1.00 to a charge of £3.00; (see Appendix 2)

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Once the Committee has reviewed the scales and agreed on proposed new scales they require to carry out a formal public consultation on the proposals. Steps will also be taken to consult with current licence holders. Consultation will take place by press advertisement and will commence as soon as practicable following the Committee meeting on 01 September 2020. Responses will be invited to be made by 03 November 2020. The Council's Corporate Communications team will be asked to issue a press release and details of the consultation will be made available on the licensing pages of the Council's website. Social media will also promote this consultation.
- 4.2 Following the consultation, it is proposed that a report summarising the responses received would be submitted to the Licensing Committee on 10 November 2020. At that time the Committee will be invited to make a final decision on any changes to the fare scales to be fixed on 30 November 2020.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The approval of the recommendations will require:
- 5.1.1 All licence holders, members of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group, the public and the Chief Constable, Police Scotland to be consulted and invited to attend a further special meeting of the Licensing Committee;

- 5.1.2 After fixing the new scales, the licensing authority must give written notice to all taxi licence holders and the persons and organisations consulted during the review, setting out and explaining the effect to the scales fixed, the date they are to come into effect and their rights of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.
- 5.1.3 Copies of the new Taxi Tariff Card to be produced and issued to all taxi and private hire licence holders to be displayed in their vehicles, approximately 1,500 this will be funded from the Taxi licensing budget;
- 5.1.4 Staff costs of the fare review and any meter calibration will be contained within existing approved budgets.
- 5.1.5 There will, therefore, be a financial cost to the Licensing Team, Governance in consultation advertisements, producing and issuing the above documentation. These costs will be met within existing taxi licensing budgets.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("The Act") the Council, as the licensing authority for taxis is obliged to regularly review and fix the scales for fares and surcharges so that they take effect within 18 months beginning with the date on which the previous scales came into effect. The Local Authority last reviewed fares in December 2019 and the tariff and surcharges took effect on 29 January 2020. Therefore, the review must be completed, and the scales fixed no later than 29 July 2021. Unless a further review is requested by the Taxi Trade Representatives and agreed by members of the Licensing Committee.
- When reviewing fares and surcharges, the licensing authority may alter them or fix fares and other charges at the same rates. In carrying out the review, the licensing authority must first consult with persons or organisations appearing to them to be, or to be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within their area.
- 6.3 Following consultation, the Committee must review the existing scales and propose new scales in relation to fares and surcharges or propose to make no change to the scales. Thereafter, the licensing authority must publish those proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in its area setting out the proposed scales, explaining the effect of the proposed scales, proposing a date on which the proposed scales are to come into effect, and allowing a period of at least one month for written representations on the proposals. A further report is then brought before the Committee who consider any representations to the proposals before fixing the tariff and the date from which it is to take effect.
- 6.4 Any person who operates a taxi in the area or any person or organisation appearing to the Traffic Commissioner to be a representative of such taxi operators can appeal against any decision the Local Authority makes in respect of fares and surcharges. Any appeal is made to the Traffic Commissioner for

the Scottish Traffic Area. An appeal to the Traffic Commissioner may be made within 14 days of notice being given by the licensing authority to taxi operators and representative taxi organisations of the agreed fare scales

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	There is no financial risk to Aberdeen City Council arising from the recommendations in this report	L	
Legal	There is a legal risk if Aberdeen City Council does not comply with legislation	L	To ensure that the Committee approve the fare review within the statutory time scales.
Employee	There is no risk to employees arising from the recommendations of this report	L	
Customer	Implementation of Option A will increase the cost of a taxi/private hire journey for the customer/citizen of Aberdeen	L	
Environment	There is no risk to the environment arising from the recommendations of this report	L	
Technology	There is no risk to technology arising from the	L	

	recommendations of this report		
Reputational	As a licensing authority there would be a reputational risk to the Council if it failed to undertake its legal obligation and not carry out the review.	M	As this report is introducing the review for consultation within the statutory time period any risk is mitigated.

8. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes			
Impact of Report			
Prosperous Economy The proposals within this report may deliver LC Stretch Outcome 1 – by increasing employment with the taxi and private hire trade. The paper see approval for the increase in taxi fares which mencourage people to enter the trade in future year. The current number of taxi's in the city are falling for the first time in many years and this paper report mencouver this.			
Prosperous People	Not applicable		
Prosperous Place Not applicable			

Design Principles of Target Operating Model				
Impact of Report				
Customer Service Design	Design There will be no impact to the customer service design arising from this report.			
Organisational Design	There will be no impact on Organisational Design arising from this report.			
Governance	There will be no impact on Governance arising from this report.			
Workforce	There will be no impact on Workforce arising from this report.			

Process Design	There will be no impact on Process Design arising from	
	this report.	
Technology	There will be no impact on Technology arising from this	
	report.	
Partnerships and Alliances	We anticipate there will be no impact on the taxi trade	
	arising from the implementation of Option A or B.	

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Completed and full EHRIA not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1. Appendix 1- the amended Taxi Tariff Card illustrating the option A.
- 11.2. Appendix 2- the amended Taxi Tariff Card illustrating Option B
- 11.3. Appendix 3- the current Taxi Tariff Card

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Agenda Annex



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