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To: Councillor Al-Samarai, Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Delaney, MacGregor, Malik, McLeod and van Sweeden.

Town House,
ABERDEEN 1 August 2023

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

The Members of the **LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE** are requested to meet remotely on **MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2023 at 11.00 am.**

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BUSINESS

- 1.1 Determination of Urgent Business
- 2.1 Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements
- 3.1 Offshore Europe 2023 - Taxi Zone Relaxation (Pages 3 - 6)

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

7 AUGUST 2023

INFORMATION NOTE

Current licensing policy requires the operation of 2 zones for licensed taxis, one which covers the area within airport boundary and one which covers the rest of the city. Policy also states that that airport vehicles may only operate within the city zone from 00.00 Saturday to 05.00 Sunday.

A request has been received to suspend the zoning policy (in terms of airport zoned vehicles operating in the city) for the duration of the Offshore Europe event in line with previous years. The event takes place from 4 September 2023 to 8 September 2023. The request also seeks for the policy to be suspended until midnight on 8 September.

Members will have to determine whether to suspend the policy and if so suspended, the exact times and dates for the suspension to start and to end. The proposed relaxation is detailed below.

Members of the trade have been consulted on the proposal and their comments are enclosed as Appendix 1.

PROPOSAL

From 4 September 2023 until midnight on 8 September 2023:

1. All Airport Taxis able to pick up from the rank located at P&J Live.
2. If there are members of the public waiting at City Centre Ranks then Airport Licenced Taxis are permitted to pick up (in addition to the usual midnight – 5am Saturday & Sunday)

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APPENDIX 1

The following objections to the proposal have been received -

1. "I object to Airport taxis allow to have freedom to city ranks during OE23 week .

Why should airport taxis have freedom to use any rank in city when city or TECA ranks are busy when they should be concentrating on servicing the airport rank especially with the Airport rank not being open to the city fleet and the Marshall at Airport doesn't put the green light one when the shelter at Airport is busy."

From ACC Taxi Driver

2. "Seeing as the Airport is seen as a no go for getting a taxi. I find it bizarre that Airport drivers can pick up in town and at TECA yet we can't do same at Airport seems one sided and bizarre.

Surely Airport Drivers should look after their own doorstep."

From ACC taxi Driver

3. "I totally object to Airport taxis being able to pick up during offshore Europe at the Teca rank or City ranks .
Airport taxis can't look after the Airport ranks properly so why should they be able to pick up elsewhere .
I feel only way forward would be for them not to pick up at the proposed areas as per email or allow city taxi drivers to pick up at Airport and heliports .If this was allowed then the public will not suffer as they do at present time. We already have queue 's at Airport heliports and not to mention the rail ."

From ACC Taxi Driver

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