

## **DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT**

### **TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONSULTATION GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020**

#### **TARIFFS AND DROP-OFF CHARGES**

1. The Consultation Group heard from Graeme McColl (Aberdeen Taxi Group) and Russell McLeod (Rainbow, Booking Office) in relation to the recent £1 increase in drop off charges introduced by Aberdeen International Airport (now £3) which due to the timing, could not be incorporated within the recent tariff and taxi meter changes.

It was acknowledged that the current card detailing the tariff rates was complicated and confusing for the taxi trade and customers and required to be simplified.

It was suggested that meetings with the meter providers could be held to consider options, as well as the Airport in terms of their timing for introducing future drop-off charges.

Sandy Munro, Legal Adviser made reference to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and indicated that consultation on another Fare Review must be undertaken with all consultees including all taxi drivers, resulting in significant cost implications to the Council, potentially leading to licence application increases for the taxi trade.

#### **The Taxi and Private Hire Consultation Group resolved:-**

to request that the Licensing Committee at their next meeting consider undertaking a further Fare Review at the earliest possible time.