

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	14 th December 2021
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Queen Street Taxi Rank Proposal
REPORT NUMBER	COM/21/323
DIRECTOR	Gale Beattie – Director of Commissioning
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell – Chief Officer - Governance
REPORT AUTHOR	Sandy Munro
TERMS OF REFERENCE	17.3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the results of the consultation with Police Scotland, Aberdeen City Council Roads Department and the general public.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- 2.1 Considers the Consultation responses in Appendices 1 and 2;
- 2.2 Rejects the proposal for a taxi rank at Queen Street as unsuitable at present; and
- 2.3 Incorporates the question of a further taxi rank in this area into the overall review of taxi ranks instructed by the Committee at its meeting on 26 October 2021.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Licensing Committee meeting on 29 June 2021 officers were instructed to undertake a consultation exercise with respect to the addition of a new taxi rank for 8-10 vehicles on Queen Street.
- 3.2 A public consultation was held online between 6 August 2021 and 3 September 2021 and was advertised on the Council's social media channels. Opinions were also sought directly from the Council's Roads Department as well as Police Scotland.
- 3.3 A total of ten responses were received from members of the public. These are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The majority of responses were of the opinion that the location was not suitable for use as a taxi rank.

3.4 The responses from Police Scotland and the Council's Roads Department are also attached as Appendix 2 to this report. Both responses indicate the location to be unsuitable for the proposed taxi rank at present.

3.5 At its meeting on 26 October 2021 the Committee instructed a review of the overall position of taxi ranks once the plans for the future of Union Street had been established. The question of a further rank in the vicinity of Queen Street could be incorporated into that overarching review.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report will not result in any financial implications.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The recommendations would not result in any legal implications.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

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

7. OUTCOMES

The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment is completed
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Public consultation responses

10.2 Further consultation responses

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