

**Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group**  
**Meeting of 26 August 2022**

**ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

The Consultation Group had before it for consideration, the Enforcement Officer's report which provided details relating to Taxi/Private Hire Car issues and information.

Mr Dave McKane highlighted the main issues from his report, making reference to (a) the current numbers licensed compared to October 2019; (b) the street knowledge test statistics during the period 1 January 2022 to 8 July 2022; (c) the appointment of Daniel Wright as the new Civic Licensing Standards Officer; and (d) the Taxi Rank Review.

Mr McKane also advised that it was hoped that a Taxi Demand Survey, produced by an independent company would be undertaken soon, which would also include a review of all taxi ranks.

During the discussion, Mr Russell McLeod and Mr Stewart Duncan provided information on why a Taxi Demand Survey should be deferred at this time, namely that the trade was still undergoing a recovery period following the pandemic.

**The Consultation Group resolved:-**

- (i) to request that the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 6 September 2022 consider deferring the Taxi Demand Survey for a period of 12 Months;
- (ii) to note that Mr McKane would include a breakdown of the passes and fails in relation to each section of the street knowledge test in future reports; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the report.