

REFERRAL

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONSULTATION GROUP

ABERDEEN, 6 December 2023.

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAXI TRADE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GROUP - RUSSELL MCLEOD

The Consultation Group had before it a request from Russell McLeod for an additional taxi trade member representative on the group.

The paper advised that (1) Douglas Cowie had recently been appointed as Head of Operations at ComCab Aberdeen; (2) as Aberdeen Airport (Stewart Duncan), Aberdeen Taxis (Chris Douglas) and Rainbow Taxis (Russell McLeod) were all effectively represented on the group, then it would be fair that ComCab were represented as well; (3) although all current members had "titles" as to who they represent, it would be fair to say that all get involved in all subjects, whether it was their topic, or not.

During discussion, the following was noted:-

- that at present, there were two vacancies on the group, namely for an Independent Taxi Driver representative and a GMB Union representative;
- that ComCab being a Licensed Taxi Office was already being represented on the group by Russell McLeod;
- that an additional taxi trade member representative in this regard would not meet the criteria of any of the two vacancies and that he did not represent a specific and recognised different interest group;
- that any significant changes to the remit of the group would require Licensing Committee approval, by way of a report to be submitted and considered; and
- that the remit of the group did not provide any details on whether designated substitutes were permitted or expected.

Mr McLeod suggested that Douglas Cowie could be a representative in relation to Taxi Trade Disability Liaison.

The Consultation Group resolved:-

- (i) to request that the Licensing Committee consider receiving a report at their meeting in April 2024 on the request for an additional representative from the taxi trade as the Taxi Trade's Disability Liaison member, namely Douglas Cowie (ComCab); and
- (ii) to note that the Clerk would update the remit of the group to include information on substitutions.