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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR ERIC ANDERSON

Dear Mr Anderson

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – LICENSING OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS AND DRIVERS – OBSERVATION TO THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR OPERATOR'S LICENCE – CHRISTOPHER WINPENNY**

I refer to the above application which was lodged on 22 January 2013 and wish to bring to the Committee's notice the following circumstances concerning the application.

Mr Winpenny has recently purchased the white Mercedes E320 registration number [REDACTED] with the intention of operating it as a Private Hire car. The vehicle was first registered in March 2000 which means it is older than the four year age ceiling which the Licensing Committee normally operate for new licence grants.

Mr Winpenny is aware of the council policy but feels that this vehicle is in pristine condition and would be an asset to the Aberdeen City Council private hire fleet. He has known the vehicle since it was new and it has only had one previous owner. The cost of the vehicle when first purchased was in excess of £40,000. There is a full Mercedes service history.

The vehicle has been inspected by me and is in immaculate condition. I have no objection to this vehicle being permitted as a Private Hire car. As the vehicle has a personalised plate, it's actual age is not evident. A photograph of the vehicle is attached.

This report is submitted to the Committee for any action they deem appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
Taxi Inspector