

LICENSING

02 DECEMBER 2009

COMMITTEE BUSINESS STATEMENT

<u>No.</u>	<u>Minute Reference</u>	<u>Committee Decision</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Responsible Head(s) of Service</u>	<u>Report Due (bold depicts items now outstanding)</u>	<u>Report Expected (if known)</u>
1.	<p>Licensing Committee 05.03.07 Article 6 (B)</p> <p>Licensing Committee 03.06.09 Article 9</p> <p>Licensing Committee 02.09.09 Article 11</p>	<p><u>A) Taxi Stance Review</u></p> <p>Instructed officers to provide an interim progress report to the Committee every 6 months.</p> <p><u>B) Additional Taxi Ranks</u></p> <p>Instructed officers to investigate the possibility of additional taxi ranks in the City Centre.</p> <p>To continue to monitor the situation with regard to taxi rank provision at Union Square.</p>	<p>The Committee has received regular reports and bulletins on various aspects of taxi stance provision, such as the night time ranks. Other medium and longer term matters are to be examined and proposals are to be brought back to Committee.</p> <p>The Committee considered at report at its meeting on 02 September 2009 regarding the difficulties in locating a taxi rank at Union Square. A representative of the developer attended a meeting of the Taxi Consultation Group on 16 November 2009 and stated the Palmerston Road was their preferred option for a rank. Request the Committee to revisit the possibility of locating a rank there, and possibly a temporary one meantime.</p>	<p>Head of Planning & Infrastructure, City Solicitor,</p> <p>Head of Planning & Infrastructure</p>	<p>February 2010</p> <p>Oct 2009</p>	<p>December 2009</p> <p>December 2009</p>

2.	Taxi Consultation Group 10.11.08 Article 7	<p><u>Review of Taxi Provision at Airport</u></p> <p>To instruct Officers to draft a report on the provision of taxis at the airport</p>	<p>The Airport Working Group has now finished meeting. There was a requirement for an additional meeting of the Working Group because of unavailability of group members. A report will be submitted to Committee on 28 October 2009. Consideration of the report was deferred to the meeting to be held on 02 December 2009.</p>	City Solicitor	Sept 2009	Dec 2009
3.	<p>Licensing Committee 03.06.09 Article 7</p> <p>and</p> <p>Licensing Committee 02.09.09 Article 2</p>	<p><u>Fire Safety Standards for Houses in Multiple Occupation</u></p> <p>to instruct the Private Sector Housing Manager to provide an update on the discussions between GFRS and the HMO unit at the September meeting.</p> <p>Private Sector Housing Manger to provide further report to Committee.</p>	<p>The Committee received a verbal update at its Meeting of 2 September from the Private Sector Housing Manager, who advised that a draft Memorandum of Understanding between GFRS and ACC had been drawn up. The Memorandum has been revised by Legal Services. The Private Sector Housing Manger advised that the further update would be provided to Committee.</p>	Head of Housing & Environment	Dec 2009	

4.	Licensing Committee 02.09.09 Article 12	<p><u>Family Saloon Car Partnerships</u></p> <p>to defer consideration of the report to its meeting on 28 October 2009</p>	<p>The Committee considered a report at its meeting of 02 September 2009. The report advised that 4 applications have been received where a taxi operator had sought to add additional operators to form a partnership while retaining sale car exemption from the Wheel Chair Accessible Policy. The Committee resolved to defer consideration of the report to its next meeting to allow the applicants to be invited. The report was consider at the October meeting and the requests considered.</p>	City Solicitor	Oct 2009	
5.	Licensing Committee 02.09.09 Article 14	<p><u>Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles</u></p> <p>(i) to obtain copies of vehicle specifications from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee City Councils and</p> <p>(ii) to request that officers bring a report to Committee on the matter to its meeting in January 2010</p>	<p>The Committee considered a letter from Mr Bill Parris, National Operations Manager, Allied Vehicles which expressed concern about the Committee's decision of 3 June 2009 to adopt a vehicle specification for taxis based on the Department of Transport's Consultative Document.</p>	City Solicitor	Jan 2010	

6.	Licensing Committee 02.09.09 Article 8 (37)	<p><u>Medical Reports for Taxi/Private Hire Drivers over 65</u></p> <p>1. to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare a report examining whether the Committee's current policy of requesting medical certificates for Taxi/Private Hire Car Drivers over the age of 65, is compliant with Age Discrimination Legislation.</p>		City Solicitor	Jan 2010	
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