

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	LICENSING COMMITTEE
DATE	19 DECEMBER 2017
REPORT TITLE	MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONSULTATION GROUP
REPORT NUMBER	CG/17/144
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-**

- 1.1 To request that the Licensing Committee consider the request from GMB Scotland to join the Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group (TPHCG).

**2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the request from GMB Scotland to join the TPHCG.

**3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

- 3.1 The current membership of the TGC is as follows:

Group / Organisation	Name of Representative
5 Elected Members	Councillors John Reynolds (Chairperson), Allard, Delaney, Donnelly and Graham.
Aberdeen Airport Drivers	Stewart Duncan
Aberdeen Rail Taxi Drivers Association	Bill Price
Aberdeen Taxi Group	Graeme McColl
Disability Equity Partnership	Mary Rasmussen

Independent Drivers	Gordon Anderson
Licensed Taxi Offices	Vacant
Private Hire Trade	Chris Douglas, Aberdeen Taxis
Taxi Badge Holders Association	Vacant

- 3.3 GMB Scotland have submitted a request to be represented on the TPHCG (Appendix 1). They have recently opened a taxi branch in Aberdeen with around 50 members. They are looking to grow this extensively with both taxi and private hire drivers, although they have mostly taxi operators at the moment. The GMB would like their members to have a voice and be able to raise any legitimate concerns regarding the taxi trade. They feel that it would be beneficial to all concerned if they could be represented on the taxi and private hire consultation group.
- 3.4 At a meeting of the TPHGC held on 30 October 2017, the Group considered the request from GMB Scotland. There were no objections from any of the group although attendance was limited at the meeting.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

#### **6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK**

- **Financial**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Employee**

- 6.2 There is no risk to employees arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Customer/Citizen**

- 6.3 There is no risk to customers/citizens arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Environmental**

6.4 There is no risk to the environment arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Technological**

6.5 There is no risk to technology arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Legal**

6.6 There is no risk arising from the recommendations of this report.

- **Reputational**

6.7 There is no risk arising from the recommendations of this report. There may be reputational risk with the applicant group and its members should the application be refused given that another Union is represented.

## **7. IMPACT SECTION**

### **Economy**

7.1 There will be no impact on the economy arising from the recommendations.

### **People**

7.2 Members of the applicant body would have a representative on the TPHCG.

### **Place**

7.4 There will be no impact on the place arising from the recommendations.

### **Technology**

7.5 There will be no impact on technology arising from the recommendations

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None

## **9. APPENDICES (if applicable)**

9.1 Appendix One – Email from GMB Scotland

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