

**TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CONSULTATION GROUP
MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2021**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FORUM/SPACES FOR PEOPLE MINUTES

The Consultation Group had before them for information, the minutes of meetings of the Spaces for People Public Transport Forum of 26 August and 15 September 2021.

During discussion of the minutes, the Group discussed the present situation in terms of taxi ranks located within the city centre and the Spaces for People measures.

Reference was made to (1) the closure of the Back Wynd taxi rank and the potential alternative taxi ranks on Union Terrace and Bridge Street; (2) the current situation relating to the Union Street Night-time taxi ranks; (3) Covid guidance for taxi drivers and passengers; (4) the potential relaxation of lane restriction measures near the Union Street/Holburn Street Junction to improve traffic flow; (5) details relating to the Review of the Taxi Ranks, specifically when a review was last undertaken; and (6) the lack of signage in the city centre directing members of the public to the nearest taxi ranks.

The Consultation Group resolved:-

- (i) to note the minutes;
- (ii) that officers be instructed to write to the Roads Team to determine whether signage could be installed as soon as possible, which would provide information to the public on the location of the city centre taxi ranks; and
- (iii) to request the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 26 October 2021 to consider the proposal to undertake a Review of the Taxi Ranks in Aberdeen at the earliest opportunity.