

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE</b>	22 March 2022
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Queen Street Taxi Rank Proposal
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	COM/22/066
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Gale Beattie – Director of Commissioning
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<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	17

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the results of the consultation with Police Scotland, Aberdeen City Council Roads Department and the general public.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- 2.1 Considers the Consultation responses in Appendices 1 and 2; and
- 2.2 Rejects the proposal for a taxi rank at Queen Street as unsuitable at present;

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Licensing Committee meeting on 14 December 2021 officers were instructed to undertake a consultation exercise with respect to the addition of a new taxi rank for 2 vehicles on the north side of Queen Street.
- 3.2 A public consultation was held online between 18 January 2022 and 15 February 2022 and was advertised on the Council's social media channels. Opinions were also sought directly from the Council's Roads Department as well as Police Scotland.
- 3.3 A total of sixty six responses were received from members of the public. These are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The majority of responses were of the opinion that the location was not suitable for use as a taxi rank, with the most common reasons being unsuitable location, not a suitable size and the loss of parking in an area where it is already scarce.

3.4 The responses from Police Scotland and the Council's Roads Department are also attached as Appendix 2 to this report. Both responses indicate the location to be unsuitable for the proposed taxi rank at present.

3.5 At its meeting on 14 December 2021 the Committee instructed that the question of a further rank in the vicinity of Upperkirkgate be incorporated into the overarching review of taxi ranks.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report will not result in any financial implications.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The recommendations would not result in any legal implications.

#### 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Strategic Risk	N/A		
Compliance	N/A		
Operational	N/A		
Financial	N/A		
Reputational	N/A		
Environment / Climate	N/A		

#### 7. OUTCOMES

7.1 The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

#### 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment is completed
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

#### 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

## 10. APPENDICES

10.1 Public consultation responses

10.2 Further consultation responses

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