

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	5 July 2022
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Back Wynd Taxi Rank Proposal
REPORT NUMBER	COM/22/088
DIRECTOR	Gale Beattie – Director of Commissioning
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell – Chief Officer - Governance
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	17.3

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, the City Centre Masterplan Team, the taxi trade and the general public on the reinstatement of the taxi rank at Back Wynd.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- 2.1 Considers the Consultation responses in Appendices 1, 2 and 3; and
- 2.2 Agrees to install a rank on Back Wynd for the number of vehicles and operating hours considered appropriate.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of Full Council on 28 February 2022 officers were instructed to undertake a consultation exercise with respect to the reinstatement of the taxi rank on Back Wynd.
- 3.2 A public consultation was held online between 9 May 2022 and 10 June 2022 and was advertised on the Council's social media channels as well as being circulated to the taxi trade. Opinions were also sought directly from the Council's Roads Department as well as Police Scotland.
- 3.3 A total of 148 responses were received and are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The vast majority of responses were in favour of the rank being reinstated.

- 3.4 There appears to have been a misconception that the rank was previously operational 24 hours and a number of responses have sought for that to be the case. For the avoidance of doubt, the operating hours that were consulted upon were the hours during which the rank previously operated. Once the section of Union Street is reopened to taxis the night-time ranks on Union Street which were never formally removed can be immediately reopened and cater for the demand between midnight and 5am.
- 3.5 The responses from Police Scotland and the Council's Roads Department are also attached as Appendix 2 to this report. The Roads Department are seeking a slight reduction on the number of vehicles to be accommodated by the rank.
- 3.6 A response from the City Centre Masterplan team is enclosed at Appendix 3 to this report. This response also seeks a slight reduction on the number of vehicles to be accommodated by the rank.
- 3.7 In the event the committee decides to reinstate the rank, the road markings and signage will be replaced by the Council's Roads department. The timescale for reopening of the rank will depend on that for the reopening to taxis of the section of Union Street to which Back Wynd connects.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There may be a financial implication involved in reinstating the road markings and signage relating to the rank which will require to be met from existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) <small>*taking into account controls/control actions</small>	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
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Strategic Risk	No significant risks identified.			
Compliance	No significant risks identified.			
Operational	No significant risks identified.			
Financial	No significant risks identified.			
Reputational	No significant risks identified.			
Environment / Climate	No significant risks identified.			

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
	The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Public consultation responses

11.2 Appendix 2 - Consultation responses from Police Scotland and Aberdeen City Council Roads department.

11.3 Appendix 3 – Response from City Centre Masterplan Team

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