

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE</b>	15 March 2023
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Taxi & Private Hire Licensing
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	COM/23/102
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Gale Beattie
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<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	17.3

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on changes to policies on Age of Vehicles and Vehicle Type.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee :-

- 2.1 agree to remove the policy on vehicle types following the addition of vehicle dimensions; and
- 2.2 agree to consult with the trade and the public on whether the age of vehicle policy is still necessary.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The current policy on vehicle types states that the following vehicle types are permissible as licensed Taxis-
- Saloon Car (min 4 doors and 4 passenger seats) – for pre 1994 licences only
  - Estate Car (derived from a saloon only- min 4 doors and 4 passenger seats) – for pre 1994 licences only
  - MPV (8 passenger seats or less) – for pre 1994 licences only
  - WAV (Must meet current [WAV specifications](#))
- 3.2 All other vehicle types are accordingly not permitted.
- 3.3 The policy was designed to ensure that a vehicle could carry the required number of passengers and luggage. Following the addition of required

dimensions, including ground clearance, seat width and boot space, at the policy review in 2022 it is suggested that the policy is no longer required.

3.4 The current age of vehicles policy states:

- WAV taxi vehicles must be 10 years old or less at first licensing and at substitution.
- All other taxi and private hire vehicles must be 5 years old or less at grant or substitution (including substitution onto pre 1994 taxi licences.)

3.5 The Committee has asked officers to review the policy to ensure it is still fit for purpose. It is suggested that the best means of doing so is to hold a brief consultation exercise with the trade and the public as well as a peer-review exercise, the results of both of which can then be reported back to Committee

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

#### 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

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement

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

	risks identified.			
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risks identified.			
<b>Financial</b>	No significant risks identified.			
<b>Reputational</b>	No significant risks identified.			
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks identified.			

## 8. OUTCOMES

<u><a href="#">COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</a></u>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>  <u><a href="#">Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</a></u>	No significant impact from the recommendations of this report.
<u><a href="#">Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</a></u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	No significant impact from the recommendations of this report.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	No significant impact from the recommendations of this report.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	No significant impact from the recommendations of this report.
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	No significant impact from the recommendations of this report.

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

## 11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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