

# LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

## 21 FEBRUARY 2024

**LICENCE HOLDER:** Andy Carle  
**TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE:** 0533 and T490

### DESCRIPTION

#### COMPLAINT

On the 30 August 2023, a complaint was received in relation to taxi driver Andy Carle relating to Mr Carle picking up fares from the helicopter rank at Aberdeen Airport despite not holding the appropriate licence.

### LEGISLATION/CONSULTEE

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 21 subsection 1-

If any person operates, or permits the operation of, a taxi within an area in respect of which its operation requires to be but is not licensed or the driver requires to be but is not licensed, that person shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

### OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Legal

### COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 it is a criminal offence to operate a taxi in an area where it is not licensed.

### GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION/REVOCATION

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(a) the holder of the licence or, where the holder is not a natural person, any director of it or partner in it or any other person responsible for its management, is not or is no longer a fit and proper person to hold the licence;

(b) the activity to which the licence relates is being managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the licence holder, who would have been refused the grant or renewal of the licence under paragraph 5(3) above;

(c)the carrying on of the activity to which the licence relates has caused, is causing or is likely to cause undue public nuisance or a threat to public order or public safety;

(d)a condition of the licence has been contravened.

## COMPLAINT

Morning ,I would like to bring to your attention an incident from this [morning.at](#) approx 9.45 I received a call from another airport driver asking how close I was to chc as there were 8 pax waiting to go into city centre.She obviously was able to take [4.at](#) that moment I was driving past bristow's heliport so was less than one minute away. My colleague informed remains pax of this and left for [city.in](#) her rear view mirror she witnessed 4 pax getting into a rainbow taxi who was sitting opposite the chc [rank.as](#) I arrived I seen this taxi leaving fully loaded.Car involved was white with reg.sv15 jyr.plate no490.

Now there was not enough time for those pax to have phoned rainbow and booked a taxi so I will leave you to draw your own conclusions.

I might add David that this is far from an isolated incident as it it happening on a daily basis not just with yellow plates but red and shire plates.They seem to be under the impression that heliports are a free for all.

If I could make a suggestion that at some point your or a colleague could come out and witness this for yourselves. As taxi drivers we don't really want to be making trouble for other drivers but having a quiet word and pointing out that they shouldn't be there is not working,in fact another airport driver was verbally abused by a red plate driver who was picking up pax at bristow's rank.

We look forward to your help with this matter.

## DRIVER RESPONSE

I arrived at CHC Scotia after dropping two passengers from Dyce rail station. I was then approached by a group who'd asked if I was available in which they stated they'd already been waiting 15 minutes and had a train to catch in Aberdeen in 40 minutes time. The lead passenger then said they were about to phone Rainbow there and then. These four lads had been away for at least 3 weeks and don't care who's taxi they get into as long as they get to where they want to go.

I have been a taxi driver for **23 years** and have a very good knowledge of where you can pick up and drop off your party. I have the privelege of paying Rainbow City Taxis £195 every week for the work I receive. I am not a thief nor a liar after the inappropriate and unnecessary comments made by (redacted) on Exchange Street. I could make a complaint about her behaviour myself.