

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 07 June 2018	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Provost Lorraine Cameron: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Andy Steel: Councillor Jane Strang:

Councillor John McNaughtan (Convener): Councillor Emma Rodden (Depute Convener):

Further Information

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Members of the Press and Public

Members of the press and public wishing to attend the meeting should report to the customer service centre where they will be met and directed to the meeting.

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 Taxi Licensing: Unmet Demand 5 - 10

Report by Director of Finance & Resources.

2 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Operator's Licence -

Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the surrender and re-issue of a Taxi Operator's Licence. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Present Operator: Allan Inches, Flat 1/2 1 Friarshall Gate, Paisley
Proposed Operator: James Robertson, 109 Donaldswood Park, Paisley
Licence No.: TX97

3 Renewal of Street Trader's Licence

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Street Trader's Licence:-

Applicant: Kelly Anne McDowell, 5F Henderson Street, Paisley
Authorised Goods: hot and cold food, beverages, confectionery and milk
Trading From: Watt Road and Huntly Road, Hillington and Maxwell Street, Paisley
Operating Hours: Hillington – Monday to Friday – 6.00 am to 2.30 pm
and Paisley – 7 days per week – 9.00 pm to 4.00 am
Licence No.: ST089

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board may by resolution exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public are present, there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

4 Grant of Street Trader's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the grant of a Street Trader's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: William Love, 237 Talla Road, Hillington, Glasgow
Authorised Goods: hot and cold food, beverages, confectionery and milk
Trading From: Watt Road and Huntly Road, Hillington and Maxwell
Street, Paisley
Operating Hours: Hillington – Monday to Friday – 6.00 am to 2.30 pm
and Paisley – 7 days per week – 9.00 pm to 4.00 am

5 Grant of Taxi Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for grant of Taxi Drivers' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who have submitted a representation to application (a) and an objection and further letter to application (b) :-

- (a) Bryan MacEwan, 11 Breck Avenue, Paisley
- (b) Charles McMahon, 113B Kintyre Avenue, Paisley
- (c) Ryan Lynch, 6 Morven Avenue, Paisley

6 Grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a representation received outwith the statutory timescale to application (a) and an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to application (b) together with a further letter:-

- (a) William McCallum, 57 Wenlock Road, Paisley
- (b) Kenneth Richards, 38 Moorfoot Avenue, Paisley

7 Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Alexander McAuley, 26 Spinners Gardens, Paisley – P4620

8 Hearing into Possible Removal from the Register of Private Landlords - Personal Appearance

Consider the possible removal of the undernoted landlord from the Register of Private Landlord. The landlord has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland. Seema Kareer has also been invited to the meeting as joint owner:-

Gurmit Kareer, 15 Ventnor Road South, Leicester

9 Grant of Late Hours Catering Licence - Personal

Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for grant of a Late Hours Catering Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted an objection to the application outwith the statutory timescale:-

Applicant: Avtar Singh, 8 Duthie Park Place, Glasgow

Premises: East End Tandoori, 3A Ladyburn Street, Paisley

Authorised Goods: hot food takeaway

Operating Hours: Monday to Thursday – 11.00pm to 12 midnight and
Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 11.00 pm to 2.00 am

10 Grant of Landlord Registration - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the grant of Landlord Registration. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

Gordon Jack, 44 Hillcrest Avenue, Wishaw



To: Regulatory Functions Board

On: 7th June 2018

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Taxi Licensing: Unmet Demand

1. Summary

- 1.1 A licensing authority may refuse to grant taxi licences in order to limit the number of taxis licensed in their area. In order to do so, the licensing authority must be satisfied that there is no significant demand for the services of taxis in their area which is unmet.
- 1.2 The Council currently has a policy of limiting the number of taxis within Renfrewshire and keeps the demand for taxis under review. The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of recent observations by the Civic Government Enforcement Officer in relation to demand for taxis.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board note the contents of this report and continue to keep the numbers limit under review.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Section 10(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("the Act") empowers the Council as licensing authority to refuse to grant new taxi licences in order to limit the number of taxis in its area providing it is satisfied that there is no significant demand for taxi services in its area which is unmet.
- 3.2 On 26 May 2016, the Board considered a detailed report, carried out externally by Vector Transport Consultancy, in relation to demand for taxi services in Renfrewshire. The Board agreed at that time to increase the limit in relation to the number of taxis in Renfrewshire to 235. On 1 November 2017, the Board considered a report by the Civic Government Enforcement Officer setting out her findings following taxi stance observations at Gilmour Street, Paisley, and at Glasgow Airport in April and August 2017. Following consideration of that report, the policy of maintaining the limit of 235 taxis was maintained.
- 3.3 In February and April 2018, the Civic Government Enforcement Officer carried out further observations at Gilmour Street, Paisley, and at Glasgow Airport to assess whether there was any significant unmet demand. Surveys were undertaken at Gilmour Street and Glasgow Airport for thirty minute periods as detailed in the report attached at Appendix 1 to this report, which sets out her detailed findings.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
- Building strong, safe and resilient communities- the continued review of taxi demand improves the service to the travelling public and contributes to safer communities.
4. **Legal** – The grant of a taxi licence may be refused by a licensing authority for the purpose of limiting the number of taxis in respect of which licences are granted by them if, but only if, they are satisfied that there is no significant demand for the services of taxis in their area which is unmet.
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** - none

7. **Equality & Human Rights** -
- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report as the report relates to a review of the taxi numbers limitation policy and seeks no change to the existing position.
8. **Health & Safety** - none.
9. **Procurement** –none.
10. **Risk** - none
11. **Privacy Impact** - none.
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – none
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List of Background Papers- None

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Report on Unmet Demand for Taxis
by Gillian McIntosh, Civic Government Enforcement Officer

Summary

Surveys have been undertaken at the main taxi stances in Paisley and at Glasgow Airport. These surveys were conducted on Friday 16 February 2018 and Friday 20 April 2018. This report documents the findings of the surveys.

Methodology

Surveys were undertaken at Gilmour Street and Glasgow Airport for 30 minute periods during the evening on the above dates, commencing at the times shown below.

Findings

Gilmour Street, Paisley

Surveys were conducted at the taxi rank on:-

- Friday 16 February at 2230 hours and 0030 hours (in the early hours of 17 February)
- Friday 20 April at 2230 hours and 0030 hours (in the early hours of 21 April)

The surveys lasted 30 minutes.

During the survey conducted on Friday 16 February at 2230 hours, **26** taxis picked up passengers and no waiting times were incurred. Later on, at 0030 hours on 17 February, **11** taxis picked up passengers with no waiting times. At 0100 hours, the conclusion of the observations, there were no passengers waiting at the rank and 4 taxis were available for hire.

During the survey conducted on Friday 20 April at 2230 hours, **27** taxis picked up passengers and no waiting times were incurred. Later on, at 0030 hours on 21 April, **16** taxis picked up passengers with a waiting time of approximately 5 minutes. There were no passengers waiting at the rank at 0100, the conclusion of the observations, and 1 taxi was available for hire.

Glasgow Airport

Surveys were conducted at the taxi rank on
Friday 16 February at 2130 and 2330
Friday 20 April at 2130 and 2330
The surveys lasted 30 minutes.

During the surveys conducted on Friday 16 February at 2130 hours, **28** taxis picked up passengers and at 2330 hours, **15** taxis picked up passengers and no waiting times were incurred at either survey.

During the surveys conducted on Friday 20 April at 2130 hours, **36** taxis picked up passengers, with no waiting time. At 2330 hours, **11** taxis picked up passengers with no waiting time.

Johnstone, Renfrew

It should be noted during that the taxi ranks at Houston Square, Johnstone, and High Street, Renfrew, are not utilized by the trade.

Conclusion

The surveys indicate that general demand is currently being met at the taxi ranks in Renfrewshire.

No complaints have been received from the public about the availability of taxis since the Board last considered demand for taxis on 1 November 2017.

A timetable of rank observations is noted below.

Timetable of Rank Observations 2018

Gilmour Street

Friday 16 February 2018

2230- 2300

On arrival at rank, 4 taxis waiting, no passengers
26 taxis picked up passengers in 30 minute period
No waiting times incurred

Average 4 taxis at rank at all times

0030-0100 (on 17 February)

On arrival at rank, 3 taxis waiting
11 taxis picked up passengers, no waiting time

Average 3 taxis at rank at all times

4 taxis for hire at rank at conclusion of observations

The weather was heavy rain on this date.

It should be noted that of the taxis picking up at Gilmour Street, there was a mixture of independents, Paisley Taxis and Airport Taxis

Friday 20 April 2018

2230-2300

On arrival at rank, 3 taxis waiting, no passengers
27 taxis picked up passengers in 30 minute period
No waiting times incurred

2 taxis at rank at conclusion of observations

0030-0100 (on 21 April)

16 taxis picked up passengers with approximate 5 minutes waiting time
1 taxi for hire at rank at conclusion of observations

Again, it should be noted that of the taxis picking up at Gilmour Street, there was a mixture of independents, Paisley Taxis and Airport Taxis

Glasgow Airport

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2130-2200

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2330-0000

15 taxis picked up passengers, no waiting time

Friday 20 April 2018

2130-2200

36 taxis picked up passengers, no waiting time

2330-0000

11 taxis picked up passengers, no waiting time