

# Licensing Committee

A Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE on Wednesday, 05 June 2019 at 10:00 to consider the undernoted business.

Please note that, whilst the items on this Agenda are public documents, consideration of some reports at the meeting may necessitate the passing of a resolution to exclude from the meeting the press and public in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

#### 1 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

# 2 Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2019 at 10.00 a.m. will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

#### 3 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Taxi Fare Scales Review

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on the Taxi Fare Scales Review (copy enclosed).

### 4 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statues: Licensing Matters

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on hearings to be determined and applications for the grant or renewal of licences and permits, all in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (copy enclosed).

## 5 Landlord Registration under the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Ac 2004, Part 8

Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on Landlord Registration matters (copy enclosed).

# 6 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

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Ronnie McNicol (Chair) Todd Ferguson (Vice Chair)	Chair:
Robert Barr	
John Easdale Scott Gallacher	
Jean McClung	Apologies:
Davina McTiernan	
Donald L. Reid	
Angela Stephen	
Vacancy	Attending:
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**IRVINE**, 8 May 2019 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

### Present

Ronnie McNicol, Robert Barr, Todd Ferguson, John Easdale, Scott Gallacher, Jean McClung, Davina McTiernan and Donald L. Reid.

### In Attendance

W. O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing) and C. Pollock, Licensing Administrative Officer (Legal Services) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

#### Also in Attendance

Inspector David Cameron and Sergeant David Dougan (Police Scotland).

### Chair

Councillor McNicol in the Chair.

### Apologies

Angela Stephen.

#### 1. Chair Remarks

The Chair advised that a request from Police Scotland for the immediate suspension of a Taxi Driver's Licence would be considered at Agenda Item 6.1 as a matter of urgency. He further advised that application SPTL/053 would be considered at Agenda Item 6.10 as a matter of urgency to allow the application to be progressed without delay.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

# 3. Minutes

The Minutes of the special meeting held on 10 April 2019 at 10.00 a.m. and the ordinary meeting held on 10 April 2019 at 2.00 p.m. were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

#### 4. Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues – Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on an amendment to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to enable Licensing Authorities to adopt a new

licensing system to require that sexual entertainment venues (SEVs) should obtain a licence granted by the Council.

The Committee agreed (a) that North Ayrshire should adopt a scheme of licensing Sexual Entertainment Venues; (b) that public consultation should be put in place; and (c) that an update report on the outcome of the public consultation be provided to a future meeting.

# 5. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee resolved, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public, for Agenda Item 5.2 – 6.1 (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Section 50J of, and Schedule 7A to, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The 'Exempt Information' concerned is information of the type described in one or more of Paragraphs 3, 6, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act:

- 3. "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."
- 6. "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."
- 14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."
- 15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance."

## 6. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on hearings to be determined and applications for the grant or renewal of licences, consents and permits, on hearings and on other matters, under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing legislation.

# Appendix A: Hearings

# 6.1 Taxi Driver Licence: TDL/1754 - Derek Johnstone Boyd

The Committee considered a request by Police Scotland for the Emergency Suspension of the Licence under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. The Committee was satisfied that the carrying on of the licenced activity is likely to cause a serious threat to public safety, and accordingly suspended the Licence forthwith.

Further, the Committee agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a Hearing in terms of Paragraph 11(7) of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

# 6.2 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/02160 (New) - Brenda Barratt

The applicant, having been duly cited, was present. Representatives from Police Scotland were also in attendance.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the applicant. The representatives from Police Scotland then addressed the Committee on a letter setting out a representation in respect of the application.

The applicant then addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The applicant and representatives from Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

# Decision

Councillor McClung, seconded by Councillor McTiernan, moved that the Committee grant the application, subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of 1 year. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Police Scotland representatives left the meeting at this point.

# 6.3 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/00410 - John Blair

The licence holder, having been duly cited, was present and accompanied by the Taxi Operator.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the licence holder, relating to the Condition 3 of the Taxi Driver Licence (No Smoking).

The licence holder then addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The licence holder and the Taxi Operator then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate, returning to hear the Committee's decision.

# Decision

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Barr, moved that the Committee suspend the licence for 7 days (6 June 2019 to 12 June 2019 inclusive) under Paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of seven days, to commence at 00.01 hours on Thursday 6 June 2019 and end at 23.59 hours on

Wednesday 12 June 2019 (both dates inclusive). There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Councillor Gallagher left the meeting at this point.

# 6.4 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/02114 – Andrew Dysart

The licence holder, having been duly cited, was present.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the licence holder, relating to the Council's Dress Code Condition.

The licence holder then addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

# Decision

The Committee unanimously that the grounds for suspension were established but decided to take no further action.

Councillor Gallagher rejoined the meeting at this point.

### 6.5 Taxi Licence: TL/424 (New) and TL/425 (New) – Russell Drummond

The applicant, having been duly cited, was present.

The Solicitor (Licensing) set out the background to the Hearing as previously intimated in writing to the applicant, in respect of the Council

The applicant addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting to allow the Committee Members and the applicant to view one of the vehicles proposed by the applicant, Ford Tourneo Custom FX8 registration MK17 VYS (side-loading Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, not fitted with a lifting mechanism.) The meeting reconvened thereafter with the same Members and officers in present and in attendance.

# Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed (a) to treat the type of vehicle viewed as exceptions to both:

(i) the Taxi and Private Hire Car Vehicle Approval Specification under Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Sections 10(2) and 10(5) with effect from 16 May 2018, in respect of the requirement in Paragraph 12(b) that a vehicle proposed for the grant of a Licence for a Taxi or Private Hire Car "must be fitted with a lifting mechanism which can raise an occupied wheelchair from ground level without requiring it to be pushed by the driver or anyone else;" (ii) the Taxi Numbers Limitation Policy made under Section 10(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,

and (b) directed that the Solicitor (Licensing) could grant both applications under delegated powers if and when satisfied that the proposed vehicles satisfied the other requirements of Section 10(2), and that the vehicles proposed for both applications were substantially the same as that viewed by the Committee.

# Appendix B: Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences

# 6.6 PHCL/369 (New): Kelly Scott

The Committee unanimously agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a hearing, in terms of Paragraph 4 (2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

# 6.7 TDL/00061 (Renewal): Peter McGuiness

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be continued to a future meeting.

# 6.8 TDL/02177 (New): Francis Clarke

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be granted in terms of Paragraph 5 (1) (a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic government (Scotland) Act 1982 for a period of 1 year.

# 6.9 TL/248 (Renewal): Partnership of Edward Hail, James McCallum, Kevin Warden and Pamela Angelini

The Committee unanimously agreed that the Solicitor (Licensing) write to the licence holders and advise that the licence will expire in 6 weeks' time and that a new application would require to be submitted by the three remaining partners.

#### 6.10 SPTL/053: Gemma Irvine

The Committee unanimously agreed, on the basis of the information presented, to proceed to a hearing, in terms of Paragraph 4 (2) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The meeting ended at 12.10 p.m.

Agenda Item 3

# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

	Licensing Committee			
Title:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Taxi Fare Scales Review			
Purpose:	To continue the statutory process for Review			
Recommendation:	<ul> <li>That the Committee</li> <li>a) Consider representations on the proposed Scales;</li> <li>b) Fix new Scales, and</li> <li>c) Set a date on which the new Scales will become effective.</li> </ul>			

# 1. Executive Summary

1.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Council as Licensing Authority is required to review the maximum fares that Taxis operating within North Ayrshire may charge, and to set Scales. The 1982 Act requires that this should be within 18 months beginning with the date on which the scales came into effect.

1.2 The fares approved by the Council are maximum fares which may be charged. Operators are able to discount these rates if they wish. While it is obligatory to review fare levels periodically, there is no obligation to alter the existing fares. These Scales do not set the fare for journeys starting or ending outside North Ayrshire, so this fare should be agreed between driver and passenger before the journey starts. The Scales do not apply to Private Hire Cars unless the driver and passenger agree before the journey starts to charge by meter.

1.3 The Review procedure proceeds in Stages, set by the 1982 Act. The Council must:

(a) consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or to be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within its area (Section 17(4A)(a));

(b) following such consultation, review the existing Scales, and propose new Scales (whether at altered rates or the same rates) (Section 17(4A)(b));

(c) publish those proposed Scales in a newspaper circulating in its area, setting out the proposed Scales (there is a period of at least one month after publication in which any person may make representations in writing) (Section 17(4A)(c));

(d) consider any such representations, and fix the new Scales (Section 17(4A)(d));

(e) within 7 days give notice of the new Scales to taxi operators and trade organisations, and advise them of their right to Appeal. Within 14 days of that notice, an

Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner may be made by any taxi operator or trade organisation (an Appeal postpones the operation of the new Scales); the Traffic Commissioner may decline to proceed with an appeal if he/she considers that the appellant's case is not representative of the view of a substantial proportion of the Operators of Taxis operating in the Council's area;

(f) give newspaper notice to the public of the new Scales (if there is no appeal, after the 14-day appeal period; if there is an appeal, when it is abandoned or determined).

# 2. Background

- 2.1 The fare review process is now at Stage (d).
- 2.2 Earlier Stages were completed:

Stage (a) (Trade Consultation): the Committee met Taxi operators on 29 March 2019. A Minute of that meeting will be circulated at the Committee.

Stage (b) (proposal of new scales): the Committee met on 10 April 2019, to review the existing Scales, and to propose new Scales.

Stage (c) (newspaper publication of the proposed new Scales): this happened soon after, by advertisement in local newspapers.

2.3 The matter is calling at the Committee again after the statutory consultation period has expired.

# 3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee should now
  - (a) review the current Scales,
  - (b) fix new Scales, and
  - (c) decide the date when the new Scales will take effect. This date will then be the start of the 18-month period leading to the next Review.
- 3.2 Appendix D contains the draft Scales proposed by the Committee at Stage (b), with one change. The change is that the proposed date when the new Scales would be effective has been moved forward 14 days. This is because the processing of the Committee decision (the recalibration of taxi-meters and the issue to Operators of new Fare Cards) places demands on Council resources.
- 3.3 In fixing Scales, the Committee should consider:
  - (a) Government Guidance on how Licensing Authorities should approach Fare Reviews;
  - (b) the current Scales;
  - (c) general economic indicators;
  - (d) the views of the Trade and any representations from the public.

#### (a) Government Guidance

3.4. The Government Guidance is in "Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice for Licensing Authorities", Second Edition, April 2012, Paragraph 6.2. This adopts the guidance in Scottish Development Department Circular 25/1986. The relevant part of that is Paragraph 2.37:

"The Secretary of State expects that in fixing fares authorities will want to pay primary regard to the costs incurred by the trade, having regard to the capital costs. (including interest payments) of the vehicles, the costs of maintaining and replacing them to the standards required by the licensing authority, the costs of employing drivers, and the prevailing levels of wages and costs in related road transport industries. In the Secretary of State's view the public interest is better served by ensuring the maintenance of an adequate taxi service by giving the trade a fair return than by depressing fares for social reasons, however understandable. If fares are fixed at a level higher than the market can stand, the trade is free to reduce them."

#### (b) the current Scales

3.5. Appendix B ("Illustration of possible Tariff increases") was issued to Members and also the attendees at the Trade Consultation.

This document is in two parts:

(a) Current Scales (pages 1 - 2);

(b) Percentage increases, showing how the fares would change for different percentage increases (pages 3 - 4). The document estimates what example journeys would cost if the fares were to be changed by various percentages.

#### (c) general economic indicators

3.6. Appendix C ("Inflation Figures ('Consumer Price Index')") shows figures supplied by the Government's "Office of National Statistics" ("ONS"). The main index is the "Consumer Prices Index (All Items)" (CPI), but there are also many series of statistics which measure particular quantities. Following the Government Guidance quoted above, the Clerk has collected statistics which appear to be relevant to the Taxi Fare Review. Appendix C shows the CPI and also

'PURCHASE OF VEHICLES'

'MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS'

'PETROL'

'DIESEL'

The ONS publishes regular updates on these statistics (in Appendix C, see "Release Date"). To allow comparision between different times, ONS gives figures as indices, meaning that the figures are stated relative to a stated base year or month. The base year or month always has a value of 100, so other times have values which are greater or less than 100 to show how they compare with the base year or month. This means that the values at two points in time can be compared, for example at the start and end of the 18-month review period. The figures shown in Appendix C are from the

most recent ONS monthly Statistical Bulletin. The figures there are counted from when the Licensing Committee fixed the current Scales.

3.7. It is open to anyone participating in the review process to suggest that the Licensing Committee should consider other factors.

### (d) the views of the Trade and Public

3.8. These are set out in Appendix A, in so far as stated at the Consultation meeting. Where individuals have made written representations, these will be copied in Members' background papers. At the date of preparing this Report (23 May 2019) there were no representations from the general public.

### 4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial:	The Taxi fare structure has substantial implications for both the trade and the community. In addition, legal costs to the Licensing Authority may arise if the fare review becomes subject to an appeal to the Traffic Commissioner, which may affect future Licence fees.
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	Possible appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.

Equality/Socio-economic Duty	None
Children and Young People:	None
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	An effective licensing system, for example monitoring the 'fit and proper' status of licence-holders, the safety of vehicles, and the suitability of premises, helps progress towards one Priority Outcomes of the draft North Ayrshire Council Plan 2019-2024: "North Ayrshire's residents and communities are safe." Setting fares at a level which balances the needs of taxi operators and passengers and is likely to maintain the level of service provision is consistent with the Mission stated in the Plan: "Working together to improve well-being, prosperity and equity in North Ayrshire."
Community Benefits:	Not applicable, as the Report does not relate to tendering or procurement exercises.

# 5. Consultation

5.1 The consultation required by statute has already taken place.

# 6. Conclusion

6.1 The Committee is requested to proceed as recommended.

Andrew A Fraser Head of Democratic Services

For further information please contact William O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), on 01294 324305.

# **Background Papers**

- Appendix B Illustration of possible Tariff increases
- Appendix C Inflation Figures (Consumer Price Index)
- Appendix D draft proposed Fare Card

#### North Ayrshire Council Taxi Fare Scales Review (2019)

Illustration of possible Tariff increases:

- (A) Current Scales (from 11 Dec 2017)
- (B) Percentage increases

Rounding means that some of the figures are not exact: Figures are rounded-up to the next higher 10p

#### (A) Current Scales

Tariff 1 (Day (7.00 am to midnight), unless T2 or T3)				
Flagfall (first 3/4 mile)	2.80			
Mileage	1.80			
Examples:				
1 mile journey	3.30			
2 mile journey	5.10			
3 mile journey	6.90			
4 mile journey	8.70			
5 mile journey	10.50			

Tariff 2 (night, Sundays, Public Holidays, DAY						
across Zones, Xmas Eve, Hogmanay)						
Flagfall (first 3/4 mile)	3.20					
Mileage	1.90					
Examples:						
1 mile journey	3.70					
2 mile journey	5.60					
3 mile journey	7.50					
4 mile journey	9.40					
5 mile journey	11.30					

## (A) Current Scales

Tariff 3 (NIGHT across Zone	s)	
T1 plus 50%		
Flagfall (first 3/4 mile)	4.20	
Mileage	2.70	
Examples:		
1 mile journey	4.90	
2 mile journey	7.60	
3 mile journey	10.30	
4 mile journey	13.00	
5 mile journey	15.70	

Tariff 4 (Xmas Day, New Yea	r's Day)	
Double T1		
Flagfall (first 3/4 mile)	5.60	
Mileage	3.60	
Examples:		
1 mile journey	6.60	
2 mile journey	10.20	
3 mile journey	13.80	
4 mile journey	17.40	
5 mile journey	21.00	

#### (B) Percentages

Part (B) shows how the fares would change for different percentage increases.

FOR EXAMPLE:

The current Tariff 1 flagfall is £2.80 and the mileage is £1.80. If the Tariff had a 1.5% increase, the flagfall would be £2.90 and the mileage would be £1.90.

The charges for journeys would change:

a 1 mile journey would increase from  $\pm 3.30$  to  $\pm 3.40$ .

a 2 mile journey would increase from £5.10 to £5.30.

a 3 mile journey would increase from £6.90 to £7.20.

Increase (%)	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Tariff 1 (Day)						
Flagfall	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90
Mileage	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
Examples:						
1 mile journey	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.40
2 mile journey	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.30
3 mile journey	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20
4 mile journey	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10
5 mile journey	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00

Tariff 2 (night etc)						
Flagfall	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30
Mileage	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Examples:						
1 mile journey	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80
2 mile journey	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80
3 mile journey	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80
4 mile journey	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80
5 mile journey	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80

# (B) Percentages

Increase (%)	<u>0.5%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
Tariff 3 (NIGHT acros	ss Zones)					
T1 plus 50%						
Flagfall	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.40
Mileage	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80
Examples:						
1 mile journey	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.10
2 mile journey	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.90
3 mile journey	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.70
4 mile journey	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.50
5 mile journey	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.30

Tariff 4 (Xmas, New Year)						
Double T1	•					
Flagfall	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.80	5.80	5.80
Mileage	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.80
Examples:						
1 mile journey	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.70	6.70	6.70
2 mile journey	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.40	10.40	10.50
3 mile journey	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.10	14.10	14.30
4 mile journey	17.70	17.70	17.70	17.80	17.80	18.10
5 mile journey	21.40	21.40	21.40	21.50	21.50	21.90

#### Multipliers (for percentages)

1.005 1.010 1.015 1.020 1.025 1.030

0.10 Mileage Unit Charge (in Pounds) (MUC) (ALL TARIFFS)

#### Tariff 1

The MILEAGE charge is charged in 10p units. 0.1 How far (in yards) does 10p take the car?

A mile has these UNITS: 18.0

Each unit takes the car (yards): 97.8

A quarter mile is 440 yards, or 4.5 of these UNITS, which is rounded-up 5.0 units of 10p each (UNIT\_T1)

Tariff 2 The MILEAGE charge is charged in 10p units.

How far (in yards) does 10p take the car?

A mile has these UNITS: 19.0

Each unit takes the car (yards): 92.6

A quarter mile is 440 yards, or 4.8 of these UNITS, which is rounded-up 5.0 units of 10p each (UNIT\_T2)

#### Tariff 3

The MILEAGE charge is charged in 10p units.

How far (in yards) does 10p take the car?

A mile has these UNITS: 27.0

Each unit takes the car (yards): 65.2

A quarter mile is 440 yards, or 6.8 of these UNITS, which is rounded-up 7.0 units of 10p each (UNIT\_T3)

#### Tariff 4

The MILEAGE charge is charged in 10p units.

How far (in yards) does 10p take the car?

A mile has these UNITS: 36.0

Each unit takes the car (yards): 48.9

A quarter mile is 440 yards, or 9.0 of these UNITS, which is rounded-up 9.0 units of 10p each (UNIT\_T4)

#### North Ayrshire Council Taxi Fare Scales Review (2019)

#### Inflation figures ("Consumer Price Index")

	Index Name	START	END	Change
1	'ALL ITEMS'	104.9	107.6	2.6%
	CPI INDEX 00 (2015=100)			
	Series: D7BT			
	Release date: 22 May 2019			
2	'PURCHASE OF VEHICLES'	101.0	104.9	3.9%
	CPIH INDEX 07.1 (2015=100)			
	Series: L543			
	Release date: 22 May 2019			
3	'MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS'	105.2	109.6	4.2%
	CPI INDEX 07.2.3 : 2015=100			
	Series: D7ED			
	Release date: 22 May 2019			
4	'PETROL'	108.1	111.8	3.4%
	CPI INDEX 07.2.2.2, 2015=100			
	Series ID: L7FP			
	Release date: 22 May 2019			
5	'DIESEL'	107.5	115.7	7.6%
	CPI INDEX 07.2.2.1, 2015=100			
	Series ID: L7FO			
	Release date: 22 May 2019			

#### Notes:

- 1 Source: 'Office for National Statistics' website (https://www.ons.gov.uk).
- 2 To help comparision, statistics for values changing over time are often given as an INDEX number, with the value when the figures were first recorded being set at 100. Later values can then be shown relative to 100, so that the change between TWO later times can be shown as a percentage.
- 3 The current Fare Scales took effect on 11 December 2017.
- 4 Indicators are published monthly, and the figures shown are:

START - December 2017

END - April 2019

'START' is the month when the current Fare Scales took effect.

'END' is the month shown in the most recent ONS Release.



#### Fare Card with effect from Monday 22nd July 2019

#### Tariff 1 (Day): (Tariff 5 if more than 4 passengers are carried)

All journeys starting or ending in the period 7.00am – 12.00pm (midnight) (except where Tariffs 2 or 3 apply):

For a distance not exceeding <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of a mile (or waiting time not exceeding 10mins). £2.90 Each additional 1/19 of a mile or additional waiting time of up to 20 seconds 10p

# Tariff 2 (Nights, Sundays and during day across zones): (Tariff 6 if more than 4 passengers are carried)

All journeys (except where Tariff 3 applies)

- Starting or ending in the period 12.00pm (midnight) to 7.00am, or
- Starting or ending at any time on Sundays, or
- Starting or ending at any time on the following Public Holidays:

2 January, Good Friday, early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday, Summer Bank Holiday, 30 November (St Andrew's Day) 26 December (Boxing Day). If a Bank Holiday is on a weekend, the following Monday is treated for this Tariff as a Bank Holiday

- From the zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 7.00am to 12.00pm (midnight)

- On Christmas Eve and Hogmanay from 7.00pm until 12.00pm (midnight)

For a distance not exceeding <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of a mile (or waiting time not exceeding 10mins). £3.30 Each additional 1/20 of a mile or additional waiting time of up to 20 seconds. 10p

#### Tariff 3 (during night across zones): (Tariff 7 if more than 4 passengers are carried)

From the zone for which the vehicle is licensed to another zone in North Ayrshire – if the journey starts or ends in the period 12.00pm (midnight) to 7.00am **Tariff 1 charges (Initial or Additional) plus 50%** 

#### Tariff 4 (Festive Periods) (Tariff 8 if more than 4 passengers carried)

All journeys starting or ending at any time on 25th December or 1st January **Double Tariff 1 charges (Initial and Additional)** 

**Extra Charges** 

If the vehicle starts by carrying more than 4 passengers, the fare is charged as Tariff 1 to 4 (as appropriate) but with 50% added (Tariffs 4 to 8). The higher tariff applies until the hire ends, whether or not any of the passengers leave the vehicle earlier.

Soiling Charge £50

Notes

1. The fare scale applies to journeys which end <u>within</u> North Ayrshire. Fares for journeys beyond the Council area are not set by the Council. They should be agreed between the passenger and the driver <u>before</u> the start of the journey.

2. Luggage shall be carried **<u>free</u>** if it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car.

3. The metered charge is the **maximum** which can be charged. The driver can always charge less.

4. The Tariff 2 and 3 charge applies as soon as the journey starts, and it **<u>does not</u> <u>change</u>** if part of the journey is inside the Night Period, Sunday, Public Holiday, or zone and part outside.

5. The meter can **<u>only</u>** be started immediately before the vehicle moves off, and must be stopped when the vehicle arrives at its destination. The meter cannot be used while the vehicle is being loaded before moving off or being unloaded after the vehicle stops at its destination.

6. There is no extra charge for loading or unloading passengers with wheelchairs, assistance dogs or anything the passenger wants to have carried.

Agenda Item 4

# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

#### 5 June 2019

Title:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing statues: Licensing Matters
Purpose:	To advise the Committee of a) Hearings to be determined b) Applications for the grant or renewal of licences and permits; under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other statutes within the Committee's remit.
Recommendation:	<ol> <li>That the Committee should decide whether or not to make a Resolution excluding the public from the meeting at which any of the matters in this Report are to be considered</li> <li>That the Committee consider and determine the matters before them.</li> </ol>

#### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Licensing Committee's remit is to exercise the Council's licensing functions. These functions arise under many statutes, mainly the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. Depending on the legislation and the circumstances of each individual case, the Committee is entitled to grant, refuse, renew, vary, suspend and revoke Licences.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 The Committee's business under the 1982 Act is as follows:
  - 1. Licences and Permits where Hearings have been convened Appendix A
  - 2. Applications for the grant or renewal of Licences and Permits Appendix B

#### **Exempt Information**

2.2. The Committee will consider "Exempt Information" under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Schedule 7A. The information is covered by one or more of the following categories of "Exempt Information" under Schedule 7A:

Paragraph 3: "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."

Paragraph 6: "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."

Paragraph 14: "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."

Paragraph 15: "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance.

- 2.3. The details of the cases in the Appendices, with any relevant documents (such as letters from the Police or objectors) are in the background papers given to Committee Members and will be sent to the respective Applicants or Licence-Holders before the Meeting. The Schedules are excluded from the published Agenda under Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 50B(2) and (5). This has been done as the Clerk considers that the meeting is likely not to be open to the public while those Schedules are being considered, as they contain "Exempt Information".
- 2.4. The Committee is entitled, but not obliged, to make a Resolution excluding the public from a meeting during consideration of an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of that item of business there would be disclosure to them of "Exempt Information" (Section 50A(4)).
- 2.5. For example:

Paragraph 3 could apply in relation to information or advice requested by a member of the public.

Paragraph 6 could apply to a business activity (such as where an Applicant wants a Licence for business or employment).

Paragraphs 14 or 15 could apply where it was alleged that there was criminal conduct or anti-social behaviour committed by or against a Licence-Holder or Applicant for a Licence, or where the Committee was told that any person had committed a criminal offence (whether or not there had been concluded Court proceedings).

2.6. Accordingly, if a Resolution is made:

(a) the publicly-accessible Minutes will exclude so much of the proceedings during which the public were excluded (Section 50C);

(b) the Minutes will include a summary of the proceedings without disclosing the 'Exempt Information' (Sections 50C(2) & 50C(1)(b)).

# 3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Committee consider and determine each of the listed cases in accordance with the required procedure.

# 4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial:	There are possible financial implications in relation to any Licensing decision.
Human Resources:	None

Legal:	There are possible legal implications in relation to any	
	licensing decision. Depending on the legislation, there may be a right of appeal.	
Equality/Socio-economic	Equality Act 2010 imposes duties on the Council:	
Duty:	Section 1(1) ("Public sector duty regarding socio-economic inequalities"): the Council	
	"must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage."	
	Section 149(1) ("Public sector equality duty") the Council	
	"must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—	
	(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under [that Act];	
	<ul> <li>(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it;</li> </ul>	
	(c) foster good relations between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it."	
	The "Relevant Protected Characteristics" are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.	
	The Clerk has considered these Duties in preparing this Report and any specific impacts will be evaluated where appropriate. Unless the Clerk advises the Committee otherwise in a particular case, there are no significant impacts to be considered	
Children and Young People:	See "Equality/Socio-economic Duty"	
Environmental & Sustainability:	None	
Key Priorities:	An effective licensing system, for example monitoring the 'fit and proper' status of licence-holders, the safety of vehicles, and the suitability of premises, helps progress towards one Priority Outcomes of the draft North Ayrshire Council Plan 2019-2024: "North Ayrshire's residents and communities are safe."	

Community Benefits:	Not applicable, as the Report does not relate to tendering o	
	procurement exercises.	

#### 5. Consultation

5.1 Consultations have been undertaken where appropriate with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, and Council Directorates.

Andrew A Fraser Head of Democratic Services

For further information please contact William O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), on 01294 324305.

Background Papers
None

	Hearings (Appendix A)	
Case 1	Taxi Driver's Licence	TDL/01754
Licenceholder	Derek J <b>Boyd</b>	
Case 2	Skin Piercing/Tattooing Licence	SPTL/053 (New)
Applicant	Gemma Irvine	
Premises	61 East Road Irvine	
Case 3	Public Entertainment Licence	PEL/593 (Temp)
Applicant	<b>Kelburn Arts Ltd</b> Kelburn Estate Fairlie Largs KA28	
Premises	Kelburn Estate	
Cases 4	Public Entertainment Licence	PEL/597 (Temp)
Applicant	Peter McNamara	
Premises	South Beach Crescent Ardrossan	
Cases 5	Private Hire Car Operator's Licence	PHCL/369 (New)
Applicant	Kelly Scott	
Cases 6	Street Trader Operator's Licence	STL/O/413 (Renewal)
Applicant	Malgorzata Lipinska	

Cases 7	Street Trader Operator's Licence	STL/O/493 (New)
Applicant	Yvonne <b>Lynch</b>	

# Applications for Licences/Renewal of Licences (Appendix B)

Type of Licence/Reference Number	Details of Applicant
PHCL/370 (New)	Edward McCallie & Pauline Alexander
TDL/00657 (Renewal)	Ronald McCulloch
TDL/01539 (Renewal)	Gordon McKenzie
WCL/089 (Renewal)	David <b>Clarkson</b>

Note

- PHCL Private Hire Car Licence
- TDL Taxi Driver's Licence
- WCL Window Cleaner's Licence

# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

5 June 2019

Title:	APPENDIX C
	Preliminary consideration of Revocation or Suspension complaints (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1, Paragraph 11)
Purpose:	To advise the Committee of complaints received and to outline the Committee's powers.
Recommendation:	That the Committee should give preliminary consideration to cases referred as complaints and decide what action, if any, should follow.

# 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Council is the Licensing Authority under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and licenses various activities regulated by that Act, such as the operation of Taxis and Private Hire Cars, Street Traders and Public Entertainment.

# 2. Background

2.1 The provisions for what is sometimes described as "Ordinary Revocation or Suspension" are in 1982 Act, Schedule 1, Paragraph 11. Paragraphs 11(1) and (2) are:

"11(1) A Licensing Authority may, whether upon a complaint made to them or not, Suspend or Revoke a Licence in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph.

(2) A Licensing Authority may order the Suspension or Revocation of a Licence if in their opinion—

(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."
- 2.2. The Clerk has received a complaint from a member of the public against a licenceholder.

This complaint contains "Exempt Information" to which Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 50A to 50K and Schedule 7A apply. The "Exempt Information" is information of the type described in one or more of Paragraphs 3, 6, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act:

3. "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."

6. "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."

14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."

15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance.

2.3. For example:

Paragraph 3 could apply in relation to information or advice requested by a member of the public.

Paragraph 6 could apply to a business activity (such as where an Applicant wants a Licence for business or employment, or where a Landlord lets a house).

Paragraphs 14 or 15 could apply where it was alleged that a Licence-Holder had either defaulted in an obligation applied by the Licence, or committed a criminal offence (whether or not there had been concluded Court proceedings).

- 2.4. The Committee is entitled, but not obliged, to make a Resolution excluding the public from a meeting during consideration of "Exempt Information" (Section 50A(4)). As the Clerk considers that the meeting is likely not to be open to the public while the Schedule is being considered, Section 50B(2) and (5) apply. The particular circumstances of the case are not contained in the publicly-accessible Agenda, but instead are detailed in a confidential Schedule which is marked "Not for Publication".
- 2.5. The Schedule will be circulated to Members. The Minutes will be redacted, and the disclosure of Background Papers will be modified it take account of the "Exempt Information" rules (Sections 50C, 50D).

# 3. Proposals

3.1 The Committee is invited to consider the information in the Schedule and determine what action, if any, is appropriate.

3.2 Options at the preliminary consideration stage are:

[a] continue the case to a later Meeting, to which both the licence-holder and the complainer will be invited. After hearing from all attending the Committee will decide what action, if any, is appropriate (for example, Revocation or Suspension of the Licence, or the issue of a Warning Letter to the licence-holder);

- [b] take no action.
- 3.3. Since the Committee at this stage is only conducting a preliminary consideration of the complaint:
  - neither the Licence-Holder nor the Complainer have been invited to attend, and
  - neither has a right to address the Committee.

If the Committee now decides to continue the case to a hearing, both parties will be advised and invited to attend. The Licence-Holder will be told of the options available to the Committee if the Committee considers that grounds to Revoke or Suspend the Licence exist.

3.4. If a Hearing is later held, the Committee's powers depend on whether or not the Committee is satisfied that there are grounds to Revoke or Suspend the Licence.

If the Committee is not so satisfied, the proceedings will end without action.

If the Committee is satisfied, it will have to consider what action should be taken. Options will be:

- [a] Immediate Revocation of the Licence
- [b] Revocation of the Licence
- [c] Immediate Suspension of the Licence
- [d] Suspension of the Licence
- [e] Issue of a warning to the Licence Holder
- [f] No action

If the Committee orders Revocation or Suspension, the default position is that the order is postponed for 28 days, to allow any party to appeal to the Sheriff Court. If the Committee considers that the order should be effective immediately, it may so order.

Any suspension is either for a fixed period, set by the Committee, or for the unexpired duration of the Licence.

#### 4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial:	There are possible financial implications in relation to any Licensing decision.
Human Resources:	None

Legal:	There are possible legal implications in relation to any	
	licensing decision. Depending on the legislation, there may be a right of appeal.	
Equality/Socio-economic	Equality Act 2010 imposes duties on the Council:	
Duty:	Section 1(1) ("Public sector duty regarding socio-economic inequalities"): the Council	
	"must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage."	
	Section 149(1) ("Public sector equality duty") the Council	
	"must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—	
	(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under [that Act];	
	<ul> <li>(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it;</li> </ul>	
	(c) foster good relations between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it."	
	The "Relevant Protected Characteristics" are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.	
	The Clerk has considered these Duties in preparing this Report and any specific impacts will be evaluated where appropriate. Unless the Clerk advises the Committee otherwise in a particular case, there are no significant impacts to be considered	
Children and Young People:	See "Equality/Socio-economic Duty"	
Environmental & Sustainability:	None	
Key Priorities:	An effective licensing system, for example monitoring the 'fit and proper' status of licence-holders, the safety of vehicles, and the suitability of premises, helps progress towards one Priority Outcomes of the draft North Ayrshire Council Plan 2019-2024: "North Ayrshire's residents and communities are safe."	

Community Benefits:	Not applicable, as the Report does not relate to tendering o	
	procurement exercises.	

# 5. Consultation

5.1 There is no statutory obligation to consult here.

Andrew A Fraser Head of Democratic Services

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# **Background Papers**

None

Agenda Item 5

# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

#### 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

	Licensing Committee
Title:	Landlord Registration under the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8
Purpose:	To inform the Committee of Landlord Registration matters.
Recommendation:	<ol> <li>That the Committee should decide whether or not to make a Resolution excluding the public from the meeting at which this Report and its Schedules is to be considered;</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>For each Application or Review Proposal described in the Schedules: That the Committee should consider each case and</li></ol>
	<ul> <li>(a) decide whether or not the Application should be granted, or the Relevant Person should be removed from the Register;</li> </ul>
	if appropriate, decide whether or not to issue a Notice under Section 94 (commonly known as a 'Rent Penalty Notice') in respect of any house, or to delegate authority to the Clerk to issue such a Notice.

#### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Licensing Committee has delegated authority from the Council to administer the Council's functions under the Landlord Registration Scheme regulated by the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Part 8.

# 2. Background

2.1 The persons named in the attached Schedules are Landlords who are either applying for Registration or who are unregistered. The Clerk has information suggesting that there may be a basis for the Committee concluding that the Landlords are not 'fit and proper', and that either the Application should be refused or the Registration already granted should be removed (each person has one Schedule). The rented houses concerned are listed in the Schedules. The Schedules are marked "Not for Publication".

## 2.2 Exempt Information

The Committee will consider "Exempt Information" under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Schedule 7A. The information is covered by one or more of the following categories of "Exempt Information" under Schedule 7A:

Paragraph 3: "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."

Paragraph 6: "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."

Paragraph 14: "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."

Paragraph 15: "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance.

- 2.3 The Schedules are in the background papers given to Committee Members and will be sent to the respective Landlords before the Meeting. The Schedules are excluded from the published Agenda under Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 50B(2) and (5). This has been done as the Clerk considers that the meeting is likely not to be open to the public while those Schedules are being considered, as they contain "Exempt Information".
- 2.4 The Committee is entitled, but not obliged, to make a Resolution excluding the public from a meeting during consideration of an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of that item of business there would be disclosure to them of "Exempt Information" (Section 50A(4)).
- 2.5 For example:

Paragraph 3 could apply in relation to information or advice requested by a member of the public.

Paragraph 6 could apply to a business activity (such as where an Applicant wants a Licence for business or employment, or where a Landlord lets a house).

Paragraphs 14 or 15 could apply where it was alleged:

- (a) that there was anti-social behaviour committed by the Tenant of a rented house, involving crime or nuisance, or
- (b) that the state of repair of the rented house indicated that the Landlord had defaulted in his/her legal obligations, or
- (c) that the Landlord had defaulted in another obligation applying to Landlords, or
- (d) that any person had committed a criminal offence (whether or not there had been concluded Court proceedings).

- 2.6. Accordingly, if a Resolution is made:
  - (a) the publicly-accessible Minutes will exclude so much of the proceedings during which the public were excluded (Section 50C);
  - (b) the Minutes will include a summary of the proceedings without disclosing the 'Exempt Information' (Sections 50C(2) & 50C(1)(b)).

# 3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Committee should consider each case and decide whether or not to grant the Application, or remove the Registration.
- 3.2. If the Committee decides to refuse an Application, or to remove a Registration, and if it is satisfied that the house is presently occupied by a Tenant, it should then decide whether or not to issue a Notice under Section 94 (commonly known as a 'Rent Penalty Notice' or 'RPN') in respect of any house referred to in the Application or Registration.
- 3.3. If it is are not so satisfied, it may delegate authority to the Clerk to issue a RPN if and when the Clerk is so satisfied. Given that there would be nothing to stop the Landlord receiving Housing Benefit even if he/she was unregistered, the Committee may wish to delegate authority to the Clerk to issue a RPN if the Clerk later receives information that any house which is currently covered by the Registration is occupied by a Tenant

# 4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial:	There are possible financial implications in relation to any Licensing decision. If a RPN is made, the Benefit Authorities will be informed, so that the Landlord will no longer receive Housing Benefit or Universal Credit, if any is claimed for the house.
Human Resources:	None

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Legal:	There are possible legal implications in relation to any licensing decision. Depending on the legislation, there may be a right of appeal.
	If the Council makes a RPN, only the Tenant's liability to pay rent will cease. The other rights and obligations of the Lease will be unaffected (Section 94(3) & (8)).
	For example:
	(a) the Tenant will continue to have whatever security of tenure he/she already had (and cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent where that non-payment is due to the RPN);
	(b) the Landlord will only be entitled to evict the Tenant if the First-Tier Tribunal grants an Eviction Order;
	(c) the Landlord will continue to have repairing obligations.
	If a RPN is revoked by the Sheriff or Tribunal on appeal by the Landlord, the Tenant only has to pay 'arrears' of rent if, and to the extent, ordered. If a RPN is revoked by the Council then 'arrears' are not due (Section 95(3)). Equality Act 2010 imposes duties on the Council:
Duty:	Section 1(1) ("Public sector duty regarding socio-economic
	inequalities"): the Council
	"must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage."
	Section 149(1) ("Public sector equality duty") the Council
	"must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—
	<ul> <li>(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under [that Act];</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it;</li> </ul>
	(c) foster good relations between persons who share a "Relevant Protected Characteristic" and persons who do not share it."
	The "Relevant Protected Characteristics" are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

	The Clerk has considered these Duties in preparing this Report and any specific impacts will be evaluated where appropriate. Unless the Clerk advises the Committee otherwise in a particular case, there are no significant impacts to be considered.
Children and Young People:	See "Equality/Socio-economic Duty"
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	An effective licensing system, for example monitoring the 'fit and proper' status of licence-holders, the safety of vehicles, and the suitability of premises, helps progress towards one Priority Outcomes of the draft North Ayrshire Council Plan 2019-2024: "North Ayrshire's residents and communities are safe."
Community Benefits:	Not applicable, as the Report does not relate to tendering or procurement exercises.

## 5. Consultation

5.1 No consultations are appropriate. Depending on the circumstances, the Schedules contain information supplied by the Police, other Council officers, or other agencies

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For further information please contact William O'Brien, Solicitor (Licensing), on 01294 324305.

Background Papers
None