

# Item 4.1 - Minutes

## Regulatory Committee

1.30pm, Monday 7 January 2019

### Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Arthur, Burgess, Dixon, Mitchell, Rose, Neil Ross, Smith and Wilson.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 22 October 2018 as a correct record.

### 2. Rolling Actions Log

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The Regulatory Committee Rolling Actions Log was submitted.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - Action 1 – Street Trader Licensing – Pedicabs: Update and Proposed Licensing Conditions
  - Action 3 – Animal Boarding Establishments
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.  
(References – Regulatory Committee Rolling Actions Programme, submitted)

### 3. Business Bulletin

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The Regulatory Committee Business Bulletin of 7 January 2019 was submitted.

#### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

## 4. Taxi Examination Centre – Performance Update

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Performance data on pass and fail rates in respect of vehicle inspections carried out at the Taxi Examination Centre was presented. Information was also provided on measures which had been implemented to address increased demand at the Centre including:

- Securing additional accommodation at the Murrayburn Road depot to accommodate two additional vehicle inspection ramps;
- Not carrying out any test where it was apparent that the vehicle has not been prepared for inspection and a retest fee applied.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To support the proposals for improved efficiency and vehicle safety as outlined in paragraphs 3.9 to 3.13 of the report.
- 3) To note that consultation on these proposals with the Hire Car Consultation Group (HCCG) would commence in early 2019, with the final recommendations being reported to the next Committee in May 2019.
- 4) To ask the Executive Director of Place to provide a further report on the issue of missed appointments including measures to address this together with supporting statistical information on any financial impact.

(References – Regulatory Committee 8 January 2018 (item 6.1); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 5. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Proposed Update to Licensing Policy on Applications

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Approval was sought for proposed measures to amend and improve the administrative policy on the timescales for receipt of applications under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To adopt the amended administrative policy as summarised in paragraph 3.6 of the report.
- 3) That the matter be brought back to the Committee for review in the event of any significant issues arising as a result of the policy changes.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 6. Demand for Taxis: Six Monthly Update

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An update on the analysis of demand for taxis in the city was submitted. The report set out the most recent interim analysis of demand, carried out by Vector Transport Consultancy in June/July 2018.

### Decision

- 1) To note the attached report from Vector Transport Consultancy (Appendix 2).
- 2) To further note that on 12 March 2018 the Regulatory Committee agreed to maintain the limitation policy and to fix the number of available licences at 1316. This was last reviewed by the Committee when it considered a report on an interim survey of demand on 26 June 2018.
- 3) To agree that there was currently no evidence of significant unmet taxi demand and therefore maintain the limit of 1,316 on the number of taxis licensed in the city.
- 4) To agree to use this survey as the basis for determining demand in any future applications for a taxi licence until the next taxi stance survey was completed.

(References – Regulatory Committee 26 June 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 7. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: Business Case – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

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On 4 October 2018 the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place which set out the business case for electric vehicle infrastructure. The report was referred to the Regulatory Committee to consider how electric vehicle uptake could be better supported through the Council's regulatory regime.

### Decision

To note the report.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee of 4 October 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)