

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 14th August 2019.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Graham Campbell, James Coleman, Robert Connelly, Gary Gray, John Kane, Elspeth Kerr and Rhiannon Spear.

Apologies: Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council); and J Donohoe (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability).

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Changes to the licensing and regulation of taxi and private hire car vehicles to achieve compliance with the city's low emission zone (LEZ) by 31st December 2022 agreed.

1 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2019 (Print 1, page 51) when, having considered a report regarding a proposal to carry out a public consultation on proposed changes to the licensing and regulation of taxi and private hire car vehicles in order to support the trade to achieve compliance with the city's low emission zone (LEZ) by 31st December 2022, the committee had approved the arrangements for the said public consultation and instructed the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council to report back accordingly, there was submitted a report by the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of background information in relation to the phased introduction of the city's LEZ, which had come into effect on 31st December 2018 and currently applied to local service buses only;
- (2) that the 2nd phase of the LEZ would be implemented on 31st December 2022 and would require all vehicles entering the zone to meet specified exhaust emission standards, including all taxi and private hire car vehicles whether licensed by this authority or by other local authorities;
- (3) of the proposed changes to the licensing and regulation of taxi and private hire car vehicles in order to support the trade to achieve compliance with the city's LEZ, as detailed in the report; and
- (4) of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed changes as referred to above, which had been undertaken over a 7 week period from 10th June 2019 to 29th July 2019, a summary of the responses received being attached as an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee agreed

- (a) to adopt a policy that in determining the suitability of a taxi and private hire car in terms of section 10(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, all such vehicles would require to meet the following emissions standard by 31st December 2022:-
 - (i) Euro IV for petrol vehicles; and
 - (ii) Euro VI for diesel vehicles;
- (b) to the removal of the 5 year age policy for all taxi applications for new and substitute vehicles with effect from 1st January 2020, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, subject to the replacement vehicle being a newer vehicle than that currently licensed;
- (c) to a risk based inspection programme being implemented as from 1st January 2023, which would reduce the number of inspections required for newer vehicles and increase them for older vehicles, as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report; and
- (d) that with effect from 1st January 2020, all advertising livery be removed from the bodywork of a taxi aged 10 years or more prior to its annual inspection.