

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2017

TAXI STANCE - KIRRIEMUIR

REPORT BY SHEONA C HUNTER HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report relates to the potential amendments to the taxi stance provision in High Street, Kirriemuir

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to:-

- (i) consult with organisations appearing to be, or be representative of, the operators of taxis operating in their area (as required by Section 19(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982) in respect of the proposed removal of the taxi stance provision in High Street, Kirriemuir as detailed in this Report and on the plan marked **Appendix A** and as described in **Appendix B** attached hereto,
- (ii) in the absence of any objection or representation, give notice of the proposal to the chief constable and give public notice of the proposal by advertisement in at least one newspaper circulating in the area (as required by Section 19(4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982),
- (iii) in the absence of any objection or representation, obtain the consent of the roads authority to the proposal; and
- (iv) implement the proposal.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN

This report aligns with the Local Outcome – Communities that are prosperous and fair.

We have a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities

3. BACKGROUND

In terms of Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a Local Authority may appoint and vary stances for taxis within their area.

A single berth taxi stance is currently located outside No.6 High Street, Kirriemuir. This stance was sited at this location in summer 2016 to service the new Kirriemuir Post Office which is on the south side of the High Street opposite the stance. Following the introduction of this taxi stance, objections to its placement were received from the Kirriemuir Business Community. As a result, a survey, incorporating spot checks, was carried out between Tuesday 29 November 2016 and Monday 19 December 2016 by Angus Council Roads Department which indicated that the taxi operators and taxi drivers rarely used the High Street stance and that there was spare capacity in the nearby Bank Street taxi stance. The Survey is attached at **Appendix C**.

4. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that the current taxi stance arrangement is altered by removing the single berth taxi stance currently located outside No.6 High Street Kirriemuir as detailed on the plan marked **Appendix A** and described in **Appendix B** both to this report.

The recommendation will allow the proposed alteration to be implemented as quickly as possible. Removal of the taxi stance would create one additional on-street parking bay.

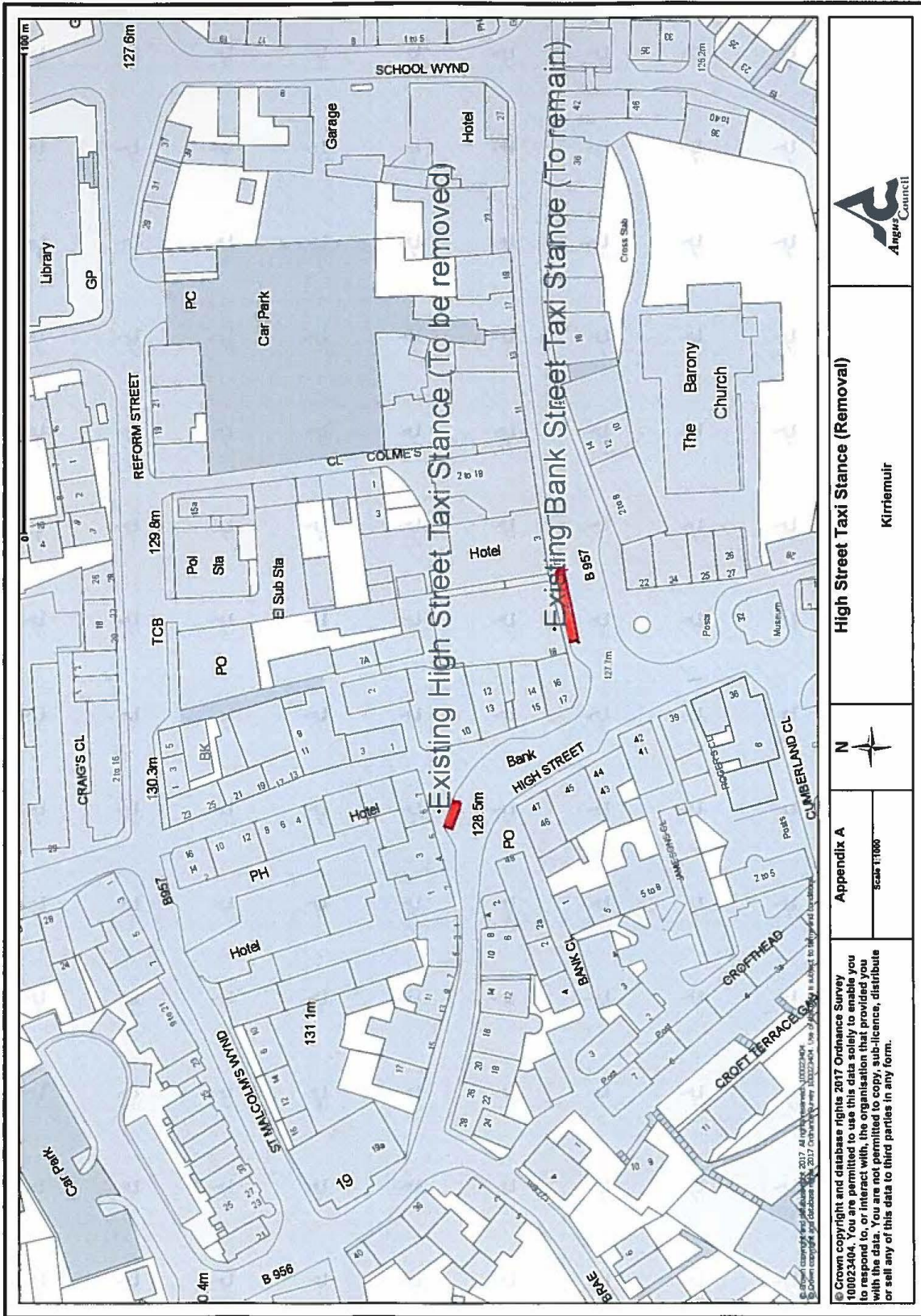
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be an approximate cost of £300 involved with the removal of the taxi stance.

NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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High Street Taxi Stance (Removal)

Kirriemuir



Appendix A

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**APPENDIX B TO REPORT NO 97/17
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High Street, Kirriemuir – Existing Taxi Stance 1 bay

Taxi Stance to be deleted from Taxi Stance Bylaws

High Street – North side thereof east of its junction with Tannage Brae.

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KIRRIEMUJIR TAXI STANCE USAGE SURVEY

Date	Time	Bank Street Usage (3bays)	High Street Usage (1bay)
Tuesday 29/11/16	18.45	0 taxis (1 private car)	0 taxis (empty) (AB)
Wednesday 30/11/12	18.30	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (AB)
Thursday 1/12/16	19.55	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (AB)
Thursday 1/12/16	22.45	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (AB)
Saturday 2/12/16	11.15	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (AB)
Wednesday 7/12/16	11.15	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 Com. van) (AB)
Thursday 8/12/16	19.45	0 taxis (3 private cars)	0 taxis (1 private car) (AB)
Saturday 17/12/16	10.20	0 taxis (2 private cars)	0 taxis (2 private cars) (AB)
Thursday 1/12/16	09.30	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (SH)
Thursday 8/12/16	09.50	1 taxi (+ 1 van)	0 taxis (1 private car) (SH)
Monday 12/12/16	09.15	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (SH)
Monday 19/12/16	14.25	0 taxis (1 private car)	0 taxis (1 private car) (SH)
Monday 12/12/16	09.15	0 taxis (1 private car)	0 taxis (1 private m/c) (MM)
Saturday 17/12/16	12.15	0 taxis (empty)	0 taxis (1 private car) (MM)