

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2016

TAXI STANCES - 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 Reform Street and High Street, Kirriemuir.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) considers the proposal to move the taxi rank on Reform Street, Kirriemuir to High Street, Kirriemuir as detailed in this report and as described in **Appendix A** and shown on the plan marked **Appendix B** attached hereto;
- (ii) considers the objections received in response to the consultation exercise which will be circulated to members prior to the meeting; and
- (iii) authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to 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.

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**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.9-11 Reform Street, Kirriemuir. This was the location of the former Kirriemuir Post Office. In July 2015 this Post Office relocated to 48 High Street, Kirriemuir. Members of the local trade have indicated that the stance located outside No. 9-11 Reform Street is no longer required. Further to this they have advised that due to limited space they are having difficulty dropping-off and picking-up passengers from near the site of the relocated Post Office at 48 High Street, Kirriemuir.

On 5 November 2015 authority was given by the Licensing Committee 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 a proposed alteration to the taxi stance provision in Reform Street and High Street, Kirriemuir as detailed in this Report and as described in Appendix A and shown on the plan marked 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.

On the 13 November 2015 Taxi Operators and Police Scotland were advised of the proposed changed. On the 20<sup>th</sup> November a notice was placed in The Courier allowing 28 days for any objections to be lodged.

**Two objections have been received and these will be circulated to members. Accordingly the committee must now consider the proposal and objections.**

#### **4. PROPOSALS**

It is proposed that the current taxi stance arrangement is altered by removing the single berth taxi rank currently located outside No. 9-11 Reform Street, Kirriemuir and replacing it with a single berth rank, which is currently a public parking bay, on the north side of High Street, Kirriemuir,

East of its junction with Tannage Brae, outside No. 6 High Street, Kirriemuir, (opposite the site of the relocated post office), as described in Appendix A and detailed on the plan marked appendix B attached to this report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no financial implications arising from this report.

**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 Kirriemuir – New Taxi Stance – 1 bay

Taxi Stance description – To be included in Taxi Stance Bylaws

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

North side thereof for a distance of 6 metres or thereby eastwards from a point 63 metres or thereby east of the intersection of the kerbline thereof with the extended east kerbline of Tannage Brae

Reform Street, Kirriemuir – Existing Stance, 1 bay

Taxi Stance to be deleted from Taxi Stance Bylaws

Reform Street, Southside thereof east of its junction with Roods