

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 20 MAY 2021

TAXI STANCES - ARBROATH

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report relates to the taxi stance provision in Keptie Street, Arbroath. The Committee previously determined that a stance should be removed. Since that decision there has been a material change in circumstances and the Committee is being asked to consider the provision again.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee authorises the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to:-

- (i) consult with persons or organisations appearing to be representative of the operators of taxis operating in the area (as required by Section 19(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 “1982 Act”) in respect of the proposed appointment of the taxi stance provision in Keptie Street, Arbroath 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. 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 three berth taxi stance is currently located outside Nos 28-34 Keptie Street (southwest side), Arbroath and has been in situ since 1999. The Committee previously received [Report 12/20](#) and determined on 9 January 2020 that this taxi stance should be removed. The rationale behind the decision in January 2020 was to allow for additional on-street parking. Furthermore, at the time, the taxi stance was rarely being used as there was a four berth taxi stance located at Arbroath Train Station located across the road. The taxi stance at the Railway station is owned and operated by National Rail.

The decision of the Committee on 9 January 2020 hasn't yet been implemented partly as a result of the impact of COVID – 19 and partly because the Roads department implement such decisions once they receive a sufficient volume of requests. The Roads department has temporarily put the implementation of this on hold pending a decision by this Committee in respect of the reappointment.

Since the decision in January 2020, National Rail have decided to remove the taxi stance located at the train station and taxis will no longer be able to wait in this area. National Rail have confirmed this decision to the Roads Department. This represents a material change in

circumstances and the Committee is being asked to consider reappointing the stance at the southwest side of Keptie Street to ensure that taxis have a place to wait for train station passengers.

3. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that the current taxi stance arrangement is altered by appointing the three berth taxi stance currently located outside Nos 28-34 Keptie Street, Arbroath, as detailed on the plan marked **Appendix A** and described in **Appendix B** both to this report.

The previous Committee decision to remove the stance had not yet been implemented so the decision to appoint the stance is a formality and will have no financial impact since the stance is already in situ.

It is anticipated that the removal of the National Rail stance will cause drivers to use the southwest side of Keptie Street and if this were to be removed as previously determined, this would cause issues for passengers and the trade.

If the Committee is minded to agree to this proposal, notice will be given to the Chief Constable and the public with a period of time allowed for representations. Despite the stance already being in place, this is required in terms of the provisions of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. Notice of this proposal will be placed in the local newspaper as well as online.

In the event of representations or objections, a further report would be submitted to the Committee for further consideration.

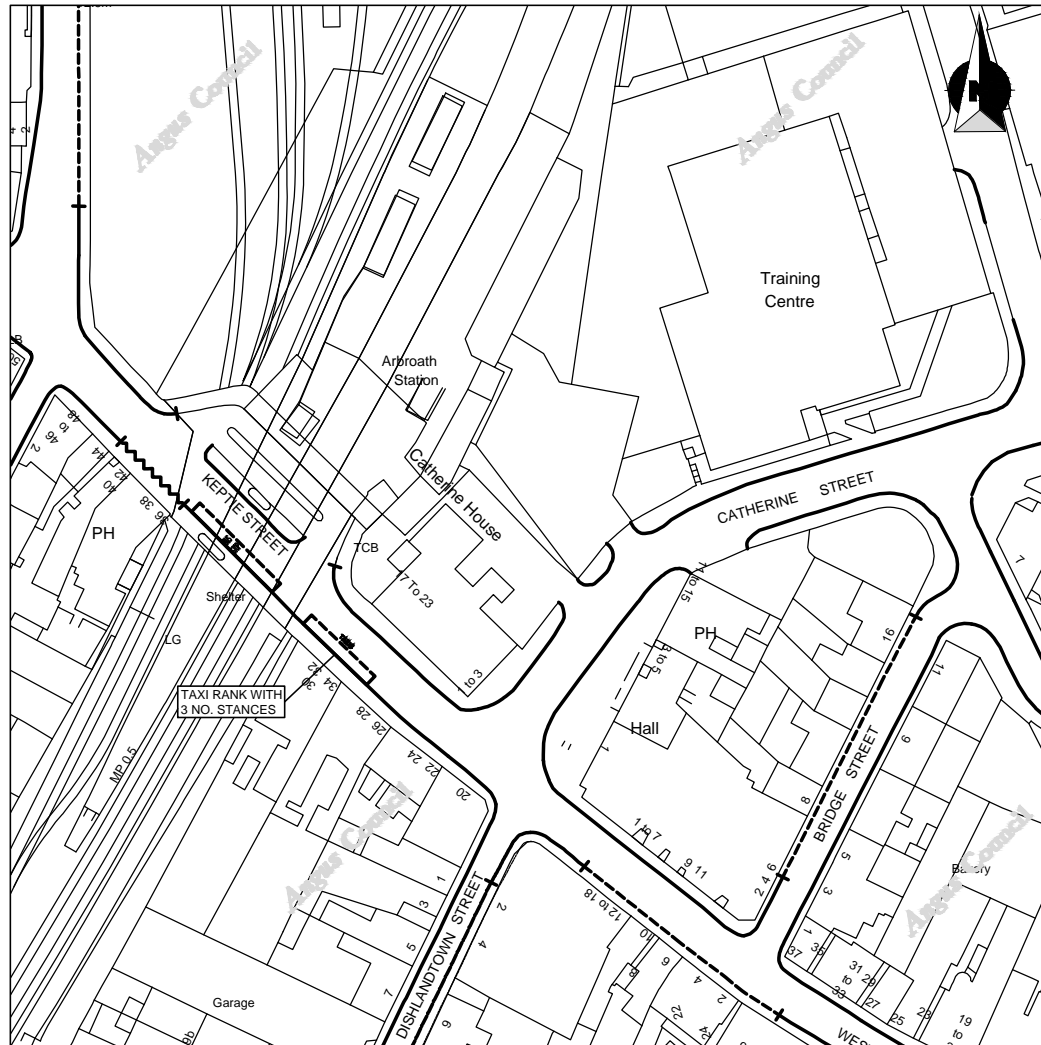
4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications as a result of this proposal.

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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	WAITING LIMITED TO 30MINS. (MON - SAT) (8.30AM - 5.30PM)
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Description:

3 bay taxi stance to be added to Taxi Stance bylaws

Keptie Street – Southwest side thereof northwest of its junction with Dishlandtown Street