

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee – 7 September 2010

Subject: Wheelchair Accessible Taxis – Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the number of wheelchair accessible taxis in the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone.

2. Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 2 February 2010 it was agreed that that the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services should continue to seek ways of encouraging an increase in the number of wheelchair accessible taxis and that the Committee be updated on the number of wheelchair accessible taxis in the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone in six months time.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 The Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone currently operate with 177 taxi licences 12 of which are wheelchair accessible vehicles. This represents a reduction of 2 from the 14 that were available in March 2008 and an increase of 1 from the 11 that were available in December 2009.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Assessment

- 6.1 There is no increased risk to the Council associated with the contents of this report.

7. Equalities Impact

Although the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles in the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone is relatively low, the Licensing Section have received no complaints from the public regarding the lack of provision.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1** There is no indication that the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles operating in the Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Taxi Licensing Zone is likely to increase as the cost of acquiring these vehicles tends to be more than a saloon car.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1** It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

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Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

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Appendices: None.

Background Papers:

1. Report submitted to meeting of Licensing Committee held on 2 February 2010.
2. Minutes of meeting of Licensing Committee held on 2 February 2010.

Appendices: N/A.

Wards Affected: N/A.

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