

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee – 7 September 2010

Subject: Proposed relocation of taxi stance

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To consider a proposal to relocate the taxi stance and feeder rank which is currently situated in Alexander Street, Clydebank to a new location of Chalmers Street and Kilbowie Road .

2. Background

- 2.1** Clydebank Rebuilt propose to carry out public realm and landscaping works as well as making significant alterations to the traffic management arrangements in the Alexander Street/Hume Street area of Clydebank. These proposals were approved at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 3 August 2010.
- 2.2** Currently the taxi stance is located on the east side of Alexander Street south of Chalmers Street junction and accommodates 5 taxis. The feeder rank at the southern end of Alexander Street, 10m from the entrance to Chandlers Public House holds an additional 7 taxis.
- 2.3** Clydebank Rebuilt's proposals include the removal of the existing taxi stance and feeder rank and the appointment of a new taxi stance and feeder rank. The new taxi stance would be located from a point 36 metres to the south east of the extended west kerb line of Alexander Street, running south east along Chalmers Street from said point for a distance of 20 metres - to accommodate 4 taxis. The feeder rank would be located from a point 68 metres north of the extended north kerb line of Chalmers Street running north along Kilbowie Road from said point for a distance of 40 metres - to accommodate 8 taxis.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** It is proposed that the Committee now considers formally appointing a taxi stance and feeder rank in Chalmers Street and Kilbowie Road.
- 3.2** The existing taxi stance is located on the east side of Alexander Street south of Chalmers Street junction and accommodates 5 taxis. The existing feeder rank at the southern end of Alexander Street, 10m from the entrance to Chandlers Public House, holds an additional 7 taxis. As Members of the Planning Committee approved Clydebank Rebuilt's proposals to carry out public realm and

landscaping works in the Alexander Street/Hume Street area of Clydebank, the appointment of the existing taxi stance and feeder rank will have to be revoked from the date on which the new taxi stance and feeder rank become operational.

- 3.3** In terms of Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, before taxi stances are appointed or revoked by a licensing authority, consultation must take place with persons or organisations who are, or appear to be, representative of the operators of taxis operating in the area. A licensing authority is also required to give notice of any proposed appointment or revocation of taxi stances to the Chief Constable and give public notice of the proposals by advertisement in at least one newspaper circulating in the area. Any competent objections or representations which are received in relation to the proposals must be taken into consideration by the authority.
- 3.4** A full description of the proposed stances is given in the copy of the draft Public Notice which is appended to the report.
- 3.5** It is suggested that officers be authorised to consult the taxi trade and make the necessary arrangements to give notice of the proposed appointment and revocation of the taxi stances to the Chief Constable and public notice of the proposals, as referred to in paragraph 3.3 above.
- 3.6** It should be noted that if representations or objections to the proposals are received, the representations or objections would require to be considered by the Committee.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** There are no financial implications as all the relative costs involved are being met by Clydebank Rebuilt including the cost of advertising the Public Notice in the Clydebank Post.
- 5.2** The cost of installing the camera and monitor equipment necessary for taxi driver's ranking in Kilbowie Road to observe when a space becomes available on the taxi stance in Chalmers Street, will be funded by Clydebank Rebuilt for a 5 year period. It is anticipated that on the basis that SPT works proceed the eventual proposal is to locate both the taxi stance and feeder rank in Chalmers Street removing the need for a feeder rank in Kilbowie Road.

6. Risk Assessment

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

7. Equalities Impact

- 7.1** There would be no alteration to the number of spaces provided for taxis to sit at the new taxi stance and feeder rank as it would remain at 12.
- 7.2** Wheelchair accessible vehicles are manufactured with their ramps on the near side of the vehicle. The current rank in Alexander Street is situated on a one way street. Taxis pick up passengers from the off side of the vehicle which currently presents a problem when a wheelchair bound passenger wishes to make use of the taxi ramps. The proposed relocation of the taxi stance would eliminate this problem.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended:-

- (a) that officers be authorised to consult the taxi trade regarding the proposed appointment and revocation of the taxi stances;
- (b) that officers be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to give notice of the proposed appointment and revocation of the taxi stances to the Chief Constable and public notice of the proposals;
- (c) that it be noted that if representations or objections to the proposals are received, the representations or objections would require to be considered by the Committee.

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Background Papers:

1. Minutes of Meetings of Planning Committee held on 3 August 2010.
2. Letter to Mr. Hugh Moore, Projects Manager, Clyde Rebuilt dated 24 August 2010.

3. Letter to Mr. Bill Johnstone, Senior Engineer (Traffic), Roads, Transport and Environmental Services dated 24 August 2010.

Appendices: Appendix – Draft Proposed Notice of Appointment of Taxi Stance

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WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF TAXI STANCES

In terms of Section 19 of the above Act **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that West Dunbartonshire Council proposes to revoke the appointment of a Taxi Stance at the undernoted location:-

CLYDEBANK

1. The east side of Alexander Street south of Chalmers Street junction, rank for 5 taxis.

A feeder rank at the southern end of Alexander Street, 10m from the entrance to Chandlers Public House, for an additional 7 taxis.

In terms of Section 19 of the above Act **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that West Dunbartonshire Council proposes to appoint a Taxi Stance at the undernoted location:-

CLYDEBANK

1. From a point 36 metres to the south east of the extended west kerb line of Alexander Street, running south east along Chalmers Street from said point for a distance of 20 metres - to accommodate 4 taxis with a feeder rank being located as follows:-

From a point 68 metres north of the extended north kerb line of Chalmers Street running north along Kilbowie Road from said point for a distance of 40 metres - to accommodate 8 taxis.

Any objections or representations concerning these proposals will be considered by the authority provided same are received within twenty eight days of the date of this notice. Objections or representations should be made in writing to the undernoted and any such objections or representations will be considered by the authority before it finally determines if it intends to approve the proposals.

Joyce White
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