

6. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - HIRE CAR LICENSING

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services advising of the following: -

1. The outcome of research into how the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 affect hire car licensing;
2. A new power for the council to introduce an overprovision policy to restrict the numbers of private hire cars licensed locally;
3. A power for the council to publish a list of licensed hire car vehicles under the provisions of Section 167 of the Equality Act 2010; and
4. A number of other issues connected to hire car licensing which may be included in a review of hire car licensing;
5. Proposals to set up a Hire Car Forum comprised of local hire car trade organisations and other key stakeholders;
6. Proposals to undertake a review of hire car licensing involving a public and stakeholder consultation and evidence gathering process

The report recommended that the Panel scrutinises the terms of the report and comments on the proposals.

In conclusion the Panel was asked to note the outcome of the research which had been carried out in relation to hire car accessibility issues and also that the Council Executive would be asked to consider launching a consultation regarding a hire car licensing review to seek views on the issues which should be included in that review and which should be given priority.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. Agreed that the report and its recommendations be forwarded to the next appropriate meeting of the Council Executive for approval.