

- (ii) Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage Of Guidedogs Etc.) Act, 2002 (AN487-2003)
The Private Hire Car Driver's Licences (Carriage Of Guide Dogs And Hearing Dogs)
(Scotland) Regulations

It is reported that a consultation document has been issued by the Scottish Executive prior to the proposed implementation of the above regulations in April, 2004. When implemented the regulations will place a similar duty on licensed private hire cab driver's to that imposed on licensed taxi drivers i.e. to carry guide dogs, hearing dogs and all assistant dogs accompanying people with disabilities and to do so without charge.

It is recommended that the Committee note the position, welcome the introduction of the regulations and remit to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to (a) amend the standard conditions of licence to include any prescribed conditions contained in the regulations and (b) to vary the conditions of existing private hire car licences and private hire car driver's licences to include any prescribed condition, it being noted that both (a) and (b) above would not take effect until the regulations became effective.