

(b) REVIEW OF TAXI LICENCE CONDITIONS (AN517-2003)

Following the decision of the Committee to review its policy on taxis, it is recommended that standard condition 31 of taxi licence conditions be not applied to any new taxi licences granted.

For the information of the Committee, condition 31 is as undernoted:-

"Where a licence is held in the name of a Company or business name, the person responsible for the day to day management shall be specified on the licence. The person so nominated on the licence shall be treated as the holder of the licence and shall be personally responsible for the compliance and observation of the conditions of the licence attached to the licence subject to amendment from time to time as Dundee City Council see fit. In the event that the person so nominated on the licence held in the name of a Company or non-natural person ceases to be responsible for the day to day management, a licence shall cease to have effect and shall be treated as revoked as at the date the nominated holder ceases to be responsible for the management of the day to day running of the business".

The condition was originally imposed on licences to prevent the unlawful "transfer" of licences brought about by the policy to limit numbers. As that policy has been superseded, this condition is now redundant and it is recommended that it be not applied in future as it may deter applications being lodged in company names.

In normal circumstances a vehicle must be placed on service within 28 days of the licence being granted. Several applicants have indicated that waiting times for accessible vehicles are in excess of this period and in the circumstances the Committee is asked to remit to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to grant extensions to the above period as and when required.