

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 15 December 2015

Report by Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement)

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – Amendment to Testing Specification for  
Taxi/Private Hire Vehicles

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To ask the Licensing Committee to consider the delegation of power to the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement and the Principal Solicitor to revise and amend the Testing Specification for Licensed Taxi/Private Hire Vehicles in the East Renfrewshire area in place of the Licensing Committee who presently deal with such matters as part of the Licensing Committee business.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. It is recommended that the Licensing Committee delegates the appropriate powers to either the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement or the Principal Solicitor to take all necessary actions to deal with any requests for changes/amendments to the testing specification and to take decisions arising from such requests.

**REPORT**

3. The Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement and the Principal Solicitor have the relevant experience, ability and knowledge to deal with all procedural and decision making matters arising from a request for amendment and/or change.

4. By delegating appropriate powers to the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement and the Principal Solicitor, it is anticipated that the licensing service would be subject to a more efficient summary procedure which would result in an improved service to the taxi trade.

**FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

5. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**IMPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSALS**

6. The Licensing Committee would be relieved of its duty to deal with requests for changes/amendments and the responsibility will be delegated to the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement and Principal Solicitor.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

7. The Council has an opportunity to improve the efficiency of the service to the public by delegating the appropriate powers.

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