



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 10.00 am.**

**Present**

Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE (Convenor) (In the Chair)  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Irene Hamilton  
Councillor Kathleen Martin  
Councillor Derek Stewart

**In Attendance**

Gordon McNeil, Head of Development and Environment  
Ian Doctor, Service Manager  
Paul Fair, Licensing Standards Officer  
June Andison, Licensing Administrator  
Andrew Wyse, Team Leader, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)

**RC.100            APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alastair Campbell and Councillor Les Sharp.

**RC.101            DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**RC. 102           MINUTES OF MEETINGS: REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

**(a)            Minutes of Meeting held on 25 August 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 25 August 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 25 August 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

**(b)            Minutes of Special Meeting held on 4 September 2015**

The minutes of the special meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 4 September 2015 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 4 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

**RC.103 TAXI LICENSING - UNMET DEMAND**

A report which set out factual information relating to taxi licensing under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act including a definition of unmet demand was submitted by the Head of Development and Environment.

The report also highlighted a new provision not yet in force within the recently approved Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 that will give Councils the ability to refuse to grant a private hire car licence on the grounds of overprovision in certain circumstances.

Having heard an introduction from the Service Manager and having had opportunity for questions, the Committee adjourned at this point in the proceedings (1020 hrs).

When the meeting resumed at 1043 hrs, six (6) Committee members remained present. After discussion, no member was prepared to move the report and an alternative motion was put to the meeting.

**Motion**

That Committee agrees that an unmet demand survey is carried out as soon as possible and that the results of the survey are reported back to Committee at the earliest opportunity within a target timescale of 2 months.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Derek Stewart.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed unanimously that an unmet demand survey is carried out as soon as possible and that the results of the survey are reported back to Committee at the earliest opportunity within a target timescale of 2 months.

The Committee heard from the Clerk that with regard to the survey of unmet demand, the legal principles of the Act provide that authorities shall recover the expenses incurred by them through licensing fees, the aim being that the Council should neither subsidise the licensing system nor should the licensing system subsidise the Council.

**Action**

Head of Development and Environment.

Ends 1050 hrs