

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 SECTION 10(3)

APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF A TAXI LICENCE

Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy

In terms of section 10 (3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (“the 1982 Act”), the Licensing Authority is satisfied that, having regard to the findings of an independent report by Local Transport Projects Ltd dated December 2018, there is no significant demand for the services of taxis in the City of Glasgow which is unmet.

The Licensing Authority has therefore determined that the number of taxi licences considered necessary to meet the demand for the services of taxis in the City of Glasgow is 1420, but nevertheless there will be no significant unmet demand for the services of taxis until the number of taxi licences falls below 1278. As such there will be a rebuttable presumption against the grant of further taxi licences where the number of existing such licences already exceeds 1278. This will be known as “the Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy”.

The Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy will not apply to applications for the renewal of a taxi licence.

Where the holder of a taxi licence fails to apply timeously for the renewal of the licence, but an application has been deemed by the Licensing Authority to be an application for the renewal of a licence on good cause being shown in terms of paragraph 8(5A) of Schedule 1 to the 1982 Act, the Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy will not apply.

Applications for the grant of a new taxi licence will generally be considered having regard to the Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy. For reasons of fairness to all in applying the Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy, applications for the grant of a new taxi licence will be considered in chronological order i.e. by reference to the date and time of receipt.

In considering an application for the grant of a taxi licence in terms of the Limitation of Taxi Licences Policy, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee will have regard to:-

- the number of taxi licences in existence at that time;
- any evidence as to a material change in the demand for the services of taxis from that set out in the independent report by Local Transport Projects Ltd dated December 2018; and
- any submissions made by an applicant as to why he or she should be treated as an exception to the said Policy.

Each such application will be considered on its merits.