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Report to:	Licensing Committee (Special)
Date of Meeting:	14 December 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licensing of Taxis
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ consider a request by East Kilbride Taxis to advertise a Zero Tolerance Policy for taxi and private hire drivers by the use of stickers on the vehicle. An example is shown on the attached schedule for both private and taxi vehicles operating within their system

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that, the request by East Kilbride Taxis be approved subject to the following condition:-
- ◆ that any proposed change to the sticker be approved by the Licensing Authority prior to any change
 - ◆ that the cost of the stickers be met by East Kilbride Taxis
 - ◆ that the location of the stickers within the vehicle be agreed with the Licensing Authority

3. Background

3.1. In terms of Section 14(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, there should be nothing on or in a private hire vehicle which would lead members of the public to believe it is a taxi. However, this does not apply to anything issued by the Licensing Authority for the purpose of indicating that the vehicle is a private hire car.

4. Present Position

- 4.1. South Lanarkshire Council has received a request from East Kilbride Taxis to permit the display of the attached sticker in their vehicles. Any change to the approved stickers would be required to be agreed by the Licensing Authority prior to being displayed in the vehicle.
- 4.2. The cost to the Licensing Authority to supply the stickers to the trade as a whole would be £414 for 2,000 stickers. Given that two stickers would be required for each vehicle and the number of vehicles within South Lanarkshire's taxi/private hire car system, the cost to the authority would be over £1,000.00. In this instance, East Kilbride Taxis will meet the cost to supply the stickers for the East Kilbride area. However, payment of the costs will have to be reviewed in the future if Committee decides to roll this out to the rest of the taxi/private hire trade.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None. The cost of the proposed stickers is to be met by East Kilbride Taxis.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

8.2. Consultation has taken place with the East Kilbride Taxi Owners' Association as the initiative was at their request.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

25 November 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Improvement Themes

◆ Improve Community Safety

Previous References

◆ None

List of Background Papers

◆ Letter from East Kilbride Taxis dated 9 March 2011

◆ Letter from East Kilbride Taxis dated 15 September 2011

Contact for Further Information

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