
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES &
LICENSING COMMITTEE**

LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT

28 SEPTEMBER 2022

PRIVATE HIRE CARS AND TAXIS LICENSED IN ARGYLL & BUTE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee agreed at their meeting on 18 November 2020 that Officers should prepare periodic reports at least every six months providing updates on the number of private hire cars and taxis across the licensing authority's area.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following publication of the Scottish Government's best practice guidance on the power to refuse to grant private hire licences on the grounds of over provision, consideration was given to a report inviting Members to amend the procedure for determining private hire car licence applications.

The Committee agreed at their meeting on 18th November 2020:

- a) that all future unopposed applications for private hire car licences may be granted by Officers on a delegated basis; and
- b) that Officers should prepare periodic reports at least every six months, for the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee providing updates on the number of private hire cars and taxis across the licensing authority's area.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the members note the number of private hire cars and taxis across the licensing authority's area as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the numbers. It should be noted that while the numbers are broken down by area, Private Hire cars, once granted, have a license for the whole Council area while Taxi licenses are restricted to specific zones in accordance with the Council's 4 administrative areas.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 An update of these figures will be provided on a 6 monthly basis.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy: None

6.2 Financial: None

6.3 Legal: None

6.4 HR: None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty

6.5.3 Islands

6.6 Climate Change: None

6.7 Risk: none

6.8 Customer Service: None

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Appendix 1 – Number of Private Hire Car Licences

Appendix 2 – Number of Taxi Licences

APPENDIX 1

NUMBER OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCES – September 2022

Area	No. Private Hire Car referenced in LVSA Report 2019	No. Licences lapsed since LVSA report	New licences granted since LVSA report	Licences surrendered since LVSA report	Current Total
Bute & Cowal	1	2	5	0	4
Helensburgh & Lomond	14	8	7	1	12
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay	36	11	6	2	29
Oban, Lorn & Isles	16	3	1	3	11
				Overall Total	56

APPENDIX 2

NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES – September 2022

Area	No. Taxis referenced in LVSA Report 2019	No. Licences lapsed since LVSA report	New licences granted since LVSA report	Licences surrendered since LVSA report	Current Total
Bute & Cowal	57 (discrepancy due to clerical error – actual figure 54)	0	1	0	55
Helensburgh & Lomond	48	5	4	2	45
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay	23	1	1	1	24
Oban, Lorn & Isles	52	3	3	2	50
				Overall total	174