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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES &  
LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT**

**22 MAY 2024**

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**PRIVATE HIRE CARS AND TAXIS LICENSED IN ARGYLL & BUTE**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

The last report was considered by the Committee on 18th October 2023.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

## **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 – Statistics on Number of Taxi Licences

Appendix 2 – Statistics on Number of Private Hire Car Licences

Appendix 1

**STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES – ARGYLL AND BUTE – April 2024**

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	No. Licences as at March 2024
Bute & Cowal	57 Mistake on report Actual no. 54	0	1	0	55	55
Helensburgh & Lomond	48	5	16	6	53	49
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay	24	1	2	1	24	23
Oban, Lorn & Isles	52	3	4	3	50	51

Appendix 2

**STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCES (with addresses in the areas) – ARGYLL AND BUTE –April 2024**

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	No. as at March 2024
Bute & Cowal	1	2	5	0	4	4
Helensburgh & Lomond	14	8	8	6	8	8
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay	37	11	16	5	37	33
Oban, Lorn & Isles	16	3	2	4	11	10