

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2002
AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Alison Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; George Scott, Licensing Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, Harry Wilson and William Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Chair.

IDENTIFICATION MARKING ON LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

1. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Panel to consider proposed changes to the current procedures to improve the means of identifying Licensed Private Hire Vehicles.

Having heard from Mr Jim Watson and Mr Stephen McCluskey, representing East Ayrshire Taxi Trade Council and Mr Alex Gorman, representing the Private Hire Trade in East Ayrshire, who had been invited by the Chair to address the meeting, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the introduction of appropriate markings on the forward doors of vehicles used for private hire purposes;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Chair, to approve the final specification of the markings; and
- (iii) that all private hire vehicles would be required to display the approved markings by Monday 2 December 2002.

The meeting terminated at 1032 hours.