

Amendment – Conservative Group

Item No. 7.1 - Private Hire Car Overprovision

1. Notes the report and thanks the officers for the provision of detailed information.
2. Notes the report discharges the remit from the motion passed at full Council on 24 October 2019.
3. Notes particularly
 - a. Comparative information (Appendix 3) shows the number of PHCs per resident in Edinburgh is generally lower than other comparator cities
 - b. Comparative information (Appendix 3) shows the proportion of PHCs in relation to taxis is lower than or equal to that in 5 of the 8 comparator cities, and Aberdeen and Dundee which have lower rates, are significantly smaller than Edinburgh
 - c. The estimated £100,000 research costs to begin considering whether to introduce a cap on PHC numbers
 - d. There will be other ongoing additional costs in relation to administering and regulating a cap
 - e. The costs any such additional costs will ultimately be paid by the public
 - f. The Guidance on *Power to refuse to Grant Private Hire Licences on Grounds of Overprovision* from the Scottish Government (Appendix 1)
 - g. The Guidance from the Competition and Markets Authority (Appendix2) noting additional hurdles to implementing a cap
 - h. The lack of evidence giving rise to significant public safety concerns (paras 4.21 to 4.24)
 - i. That the available data on complaints and suspensions (paras 4:21 to 4.35) do not found significant grounds for a cap on PHC numbers
4. Resolves not to engage an external consultant at this time and to keep the issue under review annually.

Moved by Councillor Cameron Rose

Seconded by