

(g) **RESULTS OF PRIVATE HIRE CAR OVERPROVISION CONSULTATION
(AN2-2025)**

At its meeting on 24th September 2024, the Licensing Committee considered the recommendations of the survey report by Jacobs UK Limited on the provision and demand for private hire cars (PHC's) in the Dundee City Council area. The report recommended that there was a potential state of overprovision of PHC's in that area. This assessment was carried out to assist the Committee as to whether it should introduce an overprovision policy in terms of the new Section 10 (3A) and (3B) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 which allows a licensing authority to refuse to grant a licence for a Private Hire Car (operator) Licence if it is satisfied that there is overprovision of private hire cars services in the designated locality.

The Committee decided to consult on a proposal that there was overprovision of private hire car services in the whole Council area. A total of 12 responses to the consultation were received. None of the respondents suggested that the locality for the purposes of the assessment should be other than the whole Council area. That locality was proposed because there is no geographical restriction on where PHC's can operate in the Dundee City Council area. All of the respondents supported a finding of overprovision of PHC's. It is therefore recommended that the Committee adopts the proposal that there is an overprovision of private hire car services in the locality forming the whole Council area. It is further suggested that this policy be reviewed on an annual basis and that appropriate updated survey reports are obtained for this purpose in the same manner as the taxi demand surveys.