

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: PETITION - UNAUTHORISED RANKING	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION			
Date: 4 October 2005	Ref: WBK/MK		

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of this Report is to advise of the outcome of enquiries into a matter previously raised by Petition.

2. **Background**

2.1. At the meeting of this Committee held on 24 August 2005 the Committee noted the receipt of a Petition from members of the taxi trade within the South Licensing Area. The Petition contained 80 signatures and alleged canvassing for hire and unauthorised ranking in Motherwell and Wishaw by drivers of private hire cars.

3. **Report**

3.1. The matter has now been investigated by the Licensing Enforcement Officers. The lead signatory of the Petition was interviewed and he advised that the main cause of concern amongst the members of the taxi trade related to canvassing for hire and unauthorised ranking in Scotia Street, Motherwell. Members are advised that this is a locus which has been the subject of previous complaints and it has been regularly monitored by the Enforcement Officers.

3.2. The Enforcement Officers report that no activity of the nature complained of was observed by them during the course of further observations and when the lead signatory was further contacted he conceded that the problem complained of has greatly diminished since the submission of the original complaint.

3.3. The position will continue to be monitored by the Licensing Enforcement Officers.

4. **Corporate/Financial Considerations**

4.1. There are no immediate corporate or financial considerations arising from the matters detailed in this report.

5. **Recommendation**

5.1. The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Walter B. Kilgour

b. **Director of Administration**

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Mitch Kerr, Chief Solicitor (District Courts and Licensing) on extension 2371.