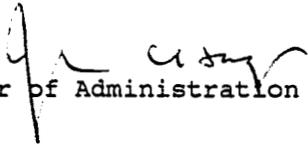


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With reference to your memo of 27 July I shall be grateful if you will arrange for the letter of 3 July and accompanying note of meeting held on 20 June 1995 to be included in the agenda for the next appropriate meeting of the Interim Executive Committee, with the recommendation that it simply be noted at this stage.


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Dear Sir,

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Cars

In the past month representatives of the District Council's General Purposes Committee have met with representatives of the taxi trade in Monklands. The Council's General Purposes Committee deals, on a delegated basis, with inter alia the above activity. The taxi trade had requested a meeting with representatives of the Committee with a view to discussing the District Council's position on taxi licensing following local government reorganisation. The Committee's Chairman advised the trade representatives that the arrangements for Civic Government licensing generally would become the responsibility of North Lanarkshire Council after reorganisation and that the District Council would have little or no influence in this matter.

The trade representatives asked nonetheless that certain points be brought to the attention of the new Council and the General Purposes Committee subsequently agreed that the various points raised by the trade representatives should be brought to the attention of the new unitary authority, without comment thereon by the District Council. In that connection, I enclose a note of the meeting held between the trade representatives and representatives of the General Purposes Committee in which the various points raised by the trade are specified.

The trade will no doubt make direct contact with the new Council in due course but meantime you may wish to pass on the enclosed note at the appropriate time to the Committee and officers who will have responsibility for administration of this function.

Yours faithfully,

Denis Ward

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL SERVICES

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NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 1995 BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MONKLANDS DISTRICT TAXI TRADE.

1. Monklands District Taxi Trade representatives requested a meeting with representatives of the General Purposes Committee to discuss the administration of taxi licensing within the area after reorganisation of local government.
2. The trade representatives raised a number of points which they wished to bring to the attention of the Committee and, thereafter, the new North Lanarkshire Council.
3. The trade highlighted the differences within each District of Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Monklands, Motherwell and Strathkelvin with regard to taxi specifications and the fares tariff. They requested that, for a temporary period, a system of zoning be introduced while the integration process took place. They indicated that they would wish the specification to remain as it is in Monklands District and the same fares tariff to be in operation throughout the District.
4. The matter of Testing Centres was discussed. The trade indicated that they would not be against a central Testing Centre for all taxis in the District of North Lanarkshire, with a common test being devised across the area.
5. The trade raised their concerns regarding the continuation of existing licences after April, 1996. They questioned whether the licences would transfer to the new authority automatically.
6. The trade raised the matter of partnerships for taxi licences. They acknowledged that partnerships within Monklands District had been suspended some time ago but indicated that the Monklands Taxi Owners Association were keen to see partnerships re-established and introduced throughout the new authority.
7. The trade indicated that working groups were of benefit to both the taxi trade and the Council and hoped that these groups would be established with the new authority to help maintain good relations and air any points that arose.
8. The representatives of the General Purposes Committee advised the trade that all of the points mentioned would be placed in front of the General Purposes Committee at their next meeting and, when the opportunity arose, would be raised with North Lanarkshire Council.