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FIRST CLASS

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Dear Sir/Madam

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Guidance Booklet
Driver Testing

I refer to the above and would invite you to attend a meeting which will be held **WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 2009, WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GORDON HOUSE, BLACKHALL ROAD, INVERURIE, at 10.00A.M.**

The purpose of the meeting is to consult with operators of private hire vehicles operating in Aberdeenshire on the following matters:-

1. to discuss the implementation of driver-testing within Aberdeenshire.
2. to further the introduction of a guidance booklet for taxi and private hire car operators

There will be a 20-minute presentation on driver-testing by Aberdeen Taxi Centre at the start of the meeting. Taxi Operators have also been invited to attend this part of the meeting. Thereafter, there will be a brief discussion on the Guidance Booklet, followed by a meeting with Taxi Operators only about the review of the current taxi fare scale.

A copy of the outline draft guidance booklet is only available at this stage on the website. Paper copies of the draft booklet will be circulated to the trade after the meeting on 15th April 2009 as part of the formal consultation exercise that will then take place.

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Click on "Legal Services" down the left-hand side of the home page, then on "Licensing" and then on "taxi fares". The document will be attached there.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but wish your views to be considered, please let me have these in writing to the above address or by e-mail to fiona.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

If you have an alternative proposal to be circulated at the meeting please provide me with a copy, if possible, so that I can have copies made available for all attending the meeting.

Finally, should you have any queries then please contact Fiona M. Stewart on 01261 813320.

Yours faithfully

Senior Solicitor (Licensing)