

# PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL



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## Media Release

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### Survey to assess taxi licensing demand in Perth and Kinross

Perth & Kinross Council is seeking the views of the taxi trade and local residents on whether the number of taxis operating in the area should continue to be limited.

The Council is responsible for licensing taxi operators. As part of this, it can limit the number of operator licences issued if it feels there is no additional demand for taxi services.

There has been a limit on taxi operator licences within Perth City since 1979, and this currently stands at 70. Since the limit was originally introduced, national guidance has changed and licensing authorities such as councils are now advised that limits on taxi numbers should only be put in place where exceptional circumstances justify them.

As a result, the Council has now decided to review the need for limits on taxi numbers. The first step in the review is to gather comment from the general public, local taxi operators and any other interested parties on whether there are any benefits in continuing the limit. Copies of a questionnaire for the review are now available from the Council Buildings, 2 High Street, Perth and via the Council's website, [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Licensing Convener, Councillor Peter Mulheron said: "The current limit on taxi operator licences has been in place for some considerable time, and was introduced to try to ensure that effective taxi services were maintained in the local area. This has been generally successful I believe, however times have changed and we now need to look at the matter again on the basis of current guidance. I would encourage anyone who is involved with the taxi trade or who regularly uses local taxi services to contribute to our review by completing the questionnaire and giving us their comments."