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LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE 2008

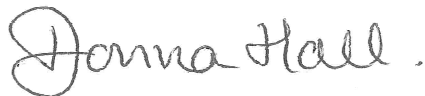
I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

6. **Chorley Conditions for the Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles (Pages 23 - 64)**

Report of Corporate Director of Governance (enclosed).

Yours sincerely



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Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director of Governance	Licensing & Public Safety Committee	04/06/08

CHORLEY COUNCIL'S CONDITIONS FOR THE LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present members with revised conditions for the purpose of licensing Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles to operate within the controlled district of Chorley.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members are recommended to consider the contents of the report and any representations made by appropriate members of the Hackney Carriage (HC) & Private Hire (PH) trade who have been invited today.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	✓

BACKGROUND

4. Members will be aware that Chorley Council has the responsibility to ensure that hackney carriages and private hire vehicles are suitable for use as such. This means that they must meet conditions as to roadworthiness, suitability, appearance and comfort. The Council has power to require those vehicles to be submitted for inspection and testing and to impose conditions on licenses.
5. It would appear that the last time the Council's licensing conditions relating to the licensing of HC/PH vehicles was reviewed, was in 1996, some 12 years ago. A number of factors suggest that it is timely to review those conditions.
6. It is fair to say that motor vehicle use, the motor trade and the way in which vehicles are traded has changed significantly in the past 12 years. This would also include the expectations of the travelling public who may use 'taxis'.

7. It is also fair to say that the administrative procedures involved in providing the statutory functions has also changed in recent years notably through the introduction of the Council's One Stop Shop and computerised systems operated by both internal and external customers of the council including LalPac, MoT recording systems and the Police / DVLA automatic number plate recognition system.
8. Further the recent removal of the exemption under section 75 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which covered vehicles hired on contracts for seven or more days, could lead to vehicles of a different type and class being presented for licensing. The present licensing conditions offer insufficient guidance to the owners of such vehicles or those charged with testing of such vehicles for the purposes of HC/PH use.
9. At present the provision of testing vehicles presented for either HC/PH vehicle licences is arranged through 4 local garages that are MOT approved. One of those garages has now withdrawn its services of providing taxi testing, as it is uneconomical for them to continue.
11. The present system operated by Chorley Council requires vehicles to be tested twice a year for the purposes of the taxi test and where the vehicle is over 3 years old the vehicle is also subjected to the MoT test.
12. The current testing regime may or may not run in sequence with the taxi licence or insurance for that vehicle. This factor increases the administrative burden on the council in ensuring vehicles are correctly licensed.
13. More importantly the current conditions of the taxi test relating to roadworthiness have not necessarily kept pace with changes in the MOT testing regime. This means that newer vehicles are not necessarily being tested to current MOT standards. While the arrangements do meet the minimum statutory criteria they fall below current best practice. (A copy of the current taxi test is appendix A).

PROPOSED TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

14. It is proposed the revised conditions will address the concerns highlighted above. Under the proposed new arrangements a vehicle will be primarily tested using the MoT test which is independent to and controlled by Vehicle Operating Standards Agency (VOSA). The price for the test is set at a government maximum and should this maximum fee be adopted as a condition of the provision of licensing, then the matter of re-determining any fee will not ordinarily have to be reconsidered by the council in the future as it would be adjusted by VOSA. In line with trade and industry requirements.
15. It is proposed that the council's taxi test is conducted immediately after the conclusion of the MoT test, irrespective of whether that vehicle has passed or has not passed the MoT test. It will be a requirement that the council's taxi test will be conducted by the same engineer/tester who conducted the MoT test, as this will lead to greater consistency and economies, and that with experience the council's taxi test would not ordinarily take longer than 15 minutes. The contents of the taxi test are set out in appendix B. The vehicle will be required to pass both the MoT test and a taxi test as a condition of licensing.
16. The benefits of adopting the MoT test and revised Council taxi test.
 - (a) The vehicle will be examined to existing independent testing standards MoT tests that are robustly enforced and tested by VOSA.
 - (b) The MoT test is uninterrupted and controlled by a maximum fee. Therefore the test is not price led.

- (c) The revised testing procedure will allow and enhance the testers of vehicles to focus on the council's taxi test as a separate consideration to the mechanical conditions of the vehicle.
 - (d) Will offer the proprietors of such vehicles the opportunity to have any remedial work carried out at any repair centre to existing standards for the purposes of the MoT test (note only appointed garages may issue MoT test certificates and taxi test certificates).
 - (e) The MoT testing procedure allows for greater transparency for identifying problematic vehicles by the issue of failure notices and advice notes regarding vehicle condition. This will allow for improved targeted enforcement action. Towards those vehicles giving concerns for safety and condition.
17. It is proposed that the council will administer the testing arrangements for those vehicles applying for HC/PH vehicle licences, including the payment of testing fees.

VEHICLES OVER FOUR YEARS OLD

18. Under the present system vehicles older than 4 years may enter the taxi industry under discretion of the licensing officer with regard being given to the age, condition, service history type and class of vehicle and the colour of the vehicle. Any such vehicle must, of course, have a valid MOT certificate.
19. It is proposed that the council introduce a Vehicle Safety Report (VSR) (Appendix C) to further assess the mechanical condition of a vehicle that has reached 3 years of age from date of first registration. The VSR report will be required as a condition of licensing when:
- (a) An application is made for the grant of a HC/PH vehicle licence and the vehicle is more than 3 years old.
 - (b) On the application for the renewal of a HC/PH vehicle licence where the vehicle is more than 3 years old and annually thereafter.
 - (c) On the request of an authorised officer where the vehicle in question is licensed as a HC/PH vehicle and is subject to a suspension notice. The safety check VSR shall be required to ascertain the vehicle's fitness to have the suspension notice removed.
20. It is believed that the safety check list will benefit both the council and the proprietors of existing and proposed HC/PH vehicles in that:
- (a) A proprietor wishing to purchase a vehicle more than 3 years old will have a detailed check list to which the vehicle must comply with, he may insist this is met prior to purchase by the vendor.
 - (b) Many auction houses now sell vehicles with an engineers report, this is not dissimilar to the proposed VSR and may indicate a vehicles condition for use as a taxi prior to purchase.
 - (c) The VSR will ensure the council's minimum standard for HC/PH vehicles is maintained on an annual basis, will help establish and maintain standards.
 - (d) A minimum condition for vehicles on entry to the system will for the first time be quantified for mechanical means in addition to the subjective criteria already established.

- (e) Public confidence will be reassured as to the condition and appearance of licensed HC/PH vehicles through quantitative scrutiny of the vehicle type and condition.

21. It is expected that the requirement for a VSR will coincide with the renewal process for existing vehicles at its next renewal on or after the vehicles 3rd birthday.

VEHICLE CONDITIONS

22. In accepting that the motor industry has changed in many ways over the past 12 years and more recently the repeal of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 75 exemption, officers now believe it is appropriate to introduce minimum tolerances for vehicle type and construction. This is necessary to address the vast array of vehicles now on the market that without controlled measures in place the council could not refuse a legitimate request to licence.

23. Examples of vehicles that would perhaps give concern would be vehicles with adjustable configuration for seating or vehicles offering little or no luggage space. It is intended that the conditions as attached at (Appendix D) will address those concerns of vehicle suitability without fettering the discretion of the council by precluding a vehicle type. This will also be reflected in changes to the licensing conditions as attached in Appendix E.

24. Areas giving concern include:

- (a) Pop-up seats
- (b) Maximum weight for seats
- (c) Luggage room
- (d) Luggage trailers/security (pick ups) SUV's MPVs
- (e) Seating configuration/exit and entry of passengers

FEES

Proposed Fees

25. The taxi licensing fees shall remain unchanged.

26. It is proposed that the council recognises the MoT test fee maximum setting of £50.35 at present.

27. Through negotiation with the appointed garages, the council's taxi test will be conducted immediately after the MoT test for a fixed fee of £9.65 inc VAT and where appropriate the vehicle safety report (VSR) (for vehicles applying for a HC/PH vehicle licence over 3 years of age) will be conducted at the same time as the council's taxi test for a fixed fee of £10.00 including VAT.

28. Hence a vehicle under 3 years applying for a HC/PH vehicle licence for 12 months would incur a cost of:

Hackney Carriage		Private Hire	
Licence Fee	£416.00	Licence Fee	£220.00
MoT & taxi test	£60.00	MoT & taxi test	£60.00
Taxi Livery	£23.50 +VAT	Taxi Livery	£23.50 +VAT

29. It is envisaged that only vehicles under 3 years of age may apply for a HC/PH vehicle licence for a 12-month period. In all other cases where a vehicle is 3 years or older, vehicles will be required to undergo the councils vehicle testing requirements and be licensed for a period not exceeding six months.

30. Vehicles applying for a grant of a licensing HC/PH over 3 years of age will incur costs of, (for a six monthly licence) of:

Hackney Carriage		Private Hire	
Licence Fee	£216.00	Licence Fee	£125.00
MoT & taxi test VSR	£70.00	MoT & taxi test VSR	£70.00
Taxi Livery	£23.50 +VAT	Taxi Livery	£23.50 +VAT

31. Renewals will be as above less the cost of livery @ £23.50 plus VAT.
32. Vehicles reaching six years of age, testing will be required every four months and no licence shall be issued for a period of more than four months, as proposed in Appendix F1.
33. It is appropriate to allow the proprietors of proposed vehicles to negotiate with the appointed garages any fee in undertaking the councils VSR, where that report is used only to establish whether or not the vehicle is suitable to progress to an application for a HC or PH licence.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

34. The options are to approve the recommendations as presented in the report and approve as a condition of licensing the documents as given in Appendix B, C, D, E & F to alter or reject any part of the proposed documents as members see fit. The taxi trade have been consulted on the proposals and are generally supportive of the principles as to the way forward. However, an alternative detailed option has been put forward following representations from the taxi trade, Members are asked to consider their proposal which is at Appendix F2.

REASONS

35. The reasons for the recommendations are fully explained within the report.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

1. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	4
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	4	No significant implications in this area	

ANDREW DOCHERTY
CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE

There are no background papers to this report.

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CHORLEY COUNCIL VEHICLE ROADWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE		Reg No		Licence/plate No		Date of initial test				
		Make	Testers Manual Ref	P	F	Testable Item	Odometer Reading	BRAKE TEST	SERVICE %	SECONDARY %
Testable Item	Testers Manual Ref	P	F	Testable Item	Odometer Reading	Guide Ref	P	F	THE RESULT OF THIS TEST IS:	
Section 1 - Lighting Equipment				Electrical					DEFECTS	
Front & Rear Position Lamps	1/1			Wiring		102			(Examiner to list ALL defects requiring a re-test) Continue over if necessary	
Rear Reg Plate Lamps/Rear Fog Lamps	1/1			Battery		103			PASS	
Headlamps	1/2			Starter Motor		104			FAIL	
Stop Lamps	1/3			Panel & Interior Lights		105				
Rear Reflectors	1/4			Engine						
Direction Indicators, Hazard Devices	1/5			Mountings		111				
Headlamp Aim	1/6			Oil Leaks		112				
Section 2 - Steering & Suspension				Cooling System						
Steering Control	2/1			Hoses		115				
Steering System	2/2			Heater/Demister		116				
Power Steering	2/3			Transmission						
Suspension - General	2/4			Gear Box Mountings		120				
F Suspension, Bearing, Driveshafts	2/5			Clutch						
R Suspension, Bearings	2/6			Operation		123				
Shock Absorbers	2/7			Linkage		124				
Section 3 - Brakes				Hydraulics		125				
Parking Brake Lever Mechanism	3/1			Fuel System						
Hand Operated Brake Control Valves	3/2			Fuel Tank & Pipes		128				
Service Brake Control	3/3			Instrumentation						
Anti-Lock Brake Systems	3/4			Speedometer		131				
Mechanical Brake Components	3/5			Odometer		132				
Hydraulic, Air, Vacuum Systems	3/6			Bodywork (Exterior)						
Brake Performance	3/7			Bumpers		136				
Section 4 - Tyres				Doors and Locks		137				
Tyres	4/1			Paintwork Condition		141				
Roadwheels	4/2			Window Glass		142				
Section 5 - Seat Belts				Bodywork (Interior)						
Seat Belts	5/1			Grab Handles		145				
Section 6 - General Items				Seats & Upholstery		146				
Drivers View of Road	6/1			Floor Condition		147				
Audible Warning (Horn)	6/2			Window Openings		148				
Exhaust System	6/3			Fire Extinguisher		149				
Exhaust Emissions	6/4			Licence Plate						
General Condition of Vehicle	6/5			Exterior Council Plate		157				
Mirrors	6/6			Roof Sign (H/C only)						
Fuel System	6/7			Approved Council Sign		161				
Reg Plates & VIN Details	6/8			Illumination		161				

* **WARNING** - In my opinion, the vehicle is **DANGEROUS** to drive because of the above defects.
 (* Delete if not appropriate)

Date of retest: **Pass:**

Signature of Inspector **Authentication Stamp**

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Registration no:		Make:		Model:		Colour		Authentication Stamp			
Recorded mileage				Test date		Time				No passenger seats	
Plate no: HC/PHV Occupancy on plate (renewals only)		Name of proprietor									
Result of MOT test:		PASS		In the event of failure, please attach original or copy of MOT failure sheet and in any event, any advice notes given.							
		FAIL									
The following items must be covered in addition to standard MOT test									Pass / Fail		
1. Bodywork must not be capable of injuring a passenger or pedestrian, or show weakness or damage as a result of an accident.											
2. Paintwork must be clean and uniform over the whole of the vehicle, and should not show undue discolouration.											
3. All seats/upholstery/trims must be clean, seats must be securely fitted, there should be no sharp edges which could likely cause injury or damage. Seat coverings, where fitted must be clean and in a good state of repair.											
4. Interior flooring must have an appropriate covering which should be clean and in a good condition.											
5. Boot interior (luggage compartment in estate cars) must be clean so as to avoid soiling or damage to luggage stored therein.											
6. Estate cars must be fitted with a securely fixed, suitable means of luggage restraint, to prevent luggage entering the passenger compartment.											
7. Windows must be capable of opening and closing by the use of winders or by way of an electric mechanism.											
8. Table of fares should be exhibited and readily visible to passengers (hackney carriage renewals only).											
9. Speedometer must be working correctly and illuminated. All interior and passengers lights, where fitted, should be operative.											
10. Demister fan must be capable of working correctly. Air Con in working order (where fitted).											
11. All pedal rubbers should be present and not excessively worn.											
12. No signage should be displayed except as stated in the Council's terms and conditions.											
13. A dry powder fire extinguisher not less than 1kg in size must be securely fitted in an accessible position.											
14. Front seats must be adjustable so as to allow adequate leg room in the rear of the vehicle as stated in the Council's terms and conditions.											
15. Headroom in rear of vehicle must be adequate according to the Council's terms and conditions.											
16. A vehicle engine capacity must be at least 1400cc.											
17. Spare tyre must be adequately inflated, and the tread must comply with the minimum standard for tyres in the normal MOT test.											
18. Licence plate must be fitted to rear of vehicle as stated in the Council's terms and conditions (renewals only)											
19. Roof sign must be capable of illumination when vehicle is available for hire (hackney carriage renewals only)											
20. Taxi meter		A taxi meter must be fitted (Hackney carriage renewals only)									
		Make				Number					
21. Internal plate, securely fixed in a vertical position so as not to obstruct the drivers view, as stated in the Council's terms and conditions (renewals only)											
22. Identify fuel type Petrol / Diesel / Hybrid / Other _____ Vehicles fitted with LPG fuel systems, must have an LPG conversion or safety check report from an approved Liquid Petroleum Gas Association installer. Provide certificate number											
23. Was a trailer presented for test with the vehicle Yes / No											
24. Door signs		Signs must be clearly visible and show no signs of tamper damage or weathering (renewals only)									
		Offside – State licence number				Nearside – State licence number					
25. Any other defect, likely to cause injury or discomfort to the public or occupants of the vehicle (please state)											
26. Has the vehicle been subject to a road test? Yes / No											
The result of this test is		PASS		MOT Testing Station number:							
		FAIL									

SIGNED

PRINT NAME

DATE

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VEHICLE SAFETY REPORT**GUIDELINES**

1. No hole or tear of metal or any metal or other items (e.g. trim) to be capable of injuring a pedestrian or passenger. This is to include doors, door panels (inside) etc.
2. The bodywork, partially or wholly to show no discoloration that is beyond normal ageing, for the vehicles age/mileage. It is not acceptable for panels to be of contrasting colour e.g. panels, door skins, bonnet, that are replacements by 'second hand' or primer coated.
3. All seats are to be secure. No movement will be allowed that compromises the safety and comfort of any passenger.
4. Depending on make/model all floor covering should be secure, tear/hole free and appropriate.
5. Not acceptable if any luggage/goods placed in boot/luggage area will be soiled.
6. Estate cars must be fitted with a securely fixed, suitable means of luggage restraint, to prevent luggage entering the passenger compartment.
7. All windows must be able to be wound down (to it's full extent) and up with ease, by the use of winders or by way of an electric mechanism.
8. Hackney (Taxis) must display a table of fares, which must be readily visible to passengers.
9. Speedometer and odometer must be working correctly and illuminated. All interior and passenger lights, where fitted should be operative.
10. All settings to work and de-mist. Air-conditioning must be in working order where fitted.
11. All pedal rubbers should be fitted, none should be excessively worn, or missing.
12. See terms and conditions for vehicle.
13. As stated.
14. See terms and conditions for vehicle.
15. See terms and conditions for vehicle.
16. As stated.
17. As stated.
18. Licence plate must be fitted to the rear of the vehicle as stated in the Councils terms and conditions (renewals only)

19. Roof signs only to be illuminated while the taxi meter is in the 'For Hire Mode' Light is not to show in the 'Hired' and 'Stopped' modes (Hackney Carriage, renewals only)
20. Details on taximeter should be recorded. There shall be no evidence of tampering to any seal fixed to the meter and all seals must be present.
21. Internal plate, securely fixed in a vertical position, as stated in the Council's terms and conditions. To ensure licence plate number and occupancy correspond with the number of passenger seats and rear licence plate details.
22. Vehicles fitted with a Liquid Petroleum Gas fuel system, produce an LPG conversion certificate or safety check report from an LPG Gas Association approved installer, at the time of testing.
23. Trailers must comply with the road vehicle lighting regulations and the road vehicle construction and use regulations. Trailers should be fitted with a water tight, lockable cover or door.
24. Signs must be fixed to both front doors, as stated in the Council's terms and conditions and show no signs of tamper, damage or weathering and positioned centrally to the upper/main panel of the door and no other lettering/livery shall interfere with the Council's sign, which shall be fixed securely in a readable position. The use of magnetic attachments is not permissible. Any additional livery must not be above 12" measured from the bottom of the door, and in any case must not protrude higher than the bump bar strip fitted to the door, this area will be regarded as the lower panel of the door. (renewals only)
25. Any other defect, which in the opinion of the examiner would cause injury or discomfort to members of the public or occupants of the vehicle.
26. Please state if the vehicle has been subjected to a road test, if yes please state any concerns.

Guidance Note

Should the tester have any concerns with regards to the mechanical condition or the condition with regards to passenger safety and comfort, or if the tester has any reason to believe that the vehicle is not subject to regular servicing and maintenance, please contact the Licensing Officer who will, where necessary inspect the vehicle without delay.

NOTES FOR TESTER / REPORT MAKER

A new policy relating to the age of vehicles has been introduced by Chorley Council.

- **New vehicles and vehicles up to 3yrs old since date of registration**
Pay for 12 month licence and have MOT & Taxi Test every 12 months or
Pay for 6 month licence and have MOT & Taxi Test every 6 months
- **Vehicles 3yrs to 6yrs old since date of registration**
Pay for 6 month licence and have MOT & Taxi Test every 6 months
Also must produce an engineers report annually.
- **Vehicles 6yrs and over since date of registration**
Pay for 4 month licence and have MOT & Taxi Test every 4 months
Also must produce an engineers report annually.

No 'Q' plated vehicles will be considered for licensing.

This policy has been introduced to ensure safe, comfortable and reliable hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

The engineers report can be completed by any competent motor vehicle engineer who complies with one of the following criteria:

- 1) MOT tester and City and Guilds Level III (Motor Vehicle Systems)
- 2) MOT tester and HND or BSc in Mechanical Engineering
- 3) Other such qualification and experience as may be agreed in writing by the Licensing Manager or the Licensing & Enforcement Officer of Chorley Council.

This report is not a substitute for an MOT, it is to establish whether a vehicle is suitable to go on to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle.

Any queries regarding the attached criteria should be addressed to the Licensing Section, Chorley Council, Civic Offices, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1AL. Telephone 01257 515164, fax 01257 515211.

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Licensing Manager

CRITERIA & REPORT GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines and any clarification necessary can be obtained from the Council. If you wish to seek clarification, in the first instance please contact the Licensing & Enforcement Officer, then the Licensing Manager.

The vehicle report to which these guidelines relate will only be accepted by the Council if it is fully completed and subsequently signed by a competent motor vehicle engineer who complies with one of the following criteria:

1. MOT tester and City & Guilds Level III (Motor Vehicle Systems)
2. MOT tester and HND or BSc in Mechanical Engineering
3. Other such qualification and experience as may be agreed in writing by the Environmental Protection Manager or the Licensing Manager of Chorley Council.

INTERIOR	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
1. VIN number and plate.	Report any tampering with vehicle identification number and plate must be legible.
2. Condition of all seating.	No cigarette burn holes acceptable. No cut, tear acceptable.
3. Security of seats.	Any movement, loose or missing bolts or cracks are unacceptable.
4. Operation of all seat mechanisms.	Front passenger/driver seat must slide back and forth without snagging.
5. Condition of headlining.	No cigarette burn holes acceptable. No cut, tear etc acceptable.
6. Operation/fitting of sunroof.	No leakage or sign of leakage. If retrofit, must have been fitted by approved installer.
7. Condition of carpets/gear lever/handbrake gaiter.	Fair wear and tear on gaiter acceptable. Tears or insecurity unacceptable.
8. Condition of door trims.	Must not be loose or missing.
9. Condition of seat belts.	Must conform to MOT standard.
10. Security of seat belts and mountings.	Must conform to MOT standard.

11. Operation of window mechanisms.	All passenger windows must have handles or switches and all windows must be able to be opened fully.
12. Operation of interior door mechanisms including child locks.	Must open by operation of door mechanism without the need for any physical aid.
13. Operation of headlights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted. Height adjustment where fitted must be in good working order.
14. Operation of sidelights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted.
15. Operation of direction indicators.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted.
16. Operation of hazard warning lights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted.
17. Operation of brake lights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted, including retrofit lights.
18. Operation of reversing lights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted.
19. Operation of number plate lights.	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted.
20. Operation of spot lights (if fitted).	Fail if water penetration or wrong bulb has been fitted. Must be firmly fixed to vehicle if retrofit.
21. Operation of horn.	As MOT standard.
22. Operation of heated rear window.	Must be in working order.
23. Operation of heater fan.	Must work on all settings, air-conditioning must be in working order.
24. Operation of courtesy lights.	Must operate automatically on opening and closing any passenger door (if fitted)
25. Operation of panel lights.	All warning lights to show.

BOOT/LUGGAGE AREA	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
26. Condition of spare tyre.	Must have 3mm over central ¾ of tread pattern. Slim/space saver type tyre must be to manufacturer specification. Tyres must be correctly inflated.
27. Condition of spare wheel rim.	Fail if damaged and unsatisfactory for road use.
28. Condition of boot carpet and trim.	Missing, torn or badly stained carpet/matting unacceptable.
29. Condition of tools (if fitted).	Must carry manufacturer's wheel brace (or acceptable alternative) and jack or B.S. alternative.
30. Tools and spare wheel stowed correctly.	Fail if spare wheel is unable to be secured. Tools/jack to be stowed.
31. Internal boot/hatch opening mechanism.	Boot lid/hatch must stay fully open.
32. Boot lid/hatch seals.	Gaps or broken or unsecure seal to be reported. Failure if missing in part or whole.
33. Signs of water ingress.	Any water ingress, failure.
EXTERIOR	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
34. Bodywork and bumpers for damage.	No dents or damage to any panel other than marks to paintwork or minor dents not exceeding 2cm. Bodywork / bumper: - unless manufactures' two tone, must be same colour all over with no visible signs of fading or colour change throughout the vehicle.
35. Paintwork for scratches.	Scratches over 3cm unacceptable. No scratch acceptable if scored to metal.
36. Evidence of previously repaired bodywork damage.	All previous repairs to be to manufacturer's standard.
37. Trim damaged/missing.	Unacceptable if any trim etc. is missing, or trim has sharp or protruding edges.
38. Light lenses and reflectors for damage.	No cracks or pits acceptable. All reflectors to be present. Water damage / ingress unacceptable.

39. Condition of front and rear wiper blades.	Must effectively clear screen. Must operate on all settings.
40. Windscreen for chips/cracks and compliance with MOT regulations.	Any cracks / chips unacceptable. Repairs must comply with MOT standards. Windscreen tinting must not exceed MOT standards.
41. All other glass for condition.	Side and rear glass to be clear and free from cracks. Front side windows, tinting must not exceed MOT standards.
42. Wheel trims not matching, damaged or missing.	Wheel trims if fitted must not be missing.
43. Operation of exterior lock mechanisms including keys.	Remote central locking to work for all doors. Driver's door lock/key to work.
44. Condition and legality of number plates.	'Fogging' etc. not acceptable. All numbers and letters must be legal and correctly spaced.
ENGINE COMPARTMENT	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
45. Cam box/rocker cover gasket not leaking.	Excessive leak is unacceptable.
46. Drive and fan belts.	Show no signs of wear or damage.
47. Fuel filter (not leaking).	Show not signs of damage or leaking.
48. Brake fluid level.	As MOT standard.
49. Power steering fluid level.	As MOT standard.
50. Radiator for leakage/damage/security.	As MOT standard.
51. Hoses and clips for leakage/damage/security.	Any leakage or serious deterioration of hoses etc. failure.
52. Water pump for free play.	As MOT standard.
53. Cooling fan for free play.	As MOT standard.

54. Condition of washer bottle.	Pump must be working and bottle not damaged.
55. Battery security and condition.	Must be secure.
56. All engine bay wiring for security.	Bare wire(s) unacceptable.
57. All engine wiring for wear.	Bare wire(s) unacceptable.
58. Oil leaks from engine.	Excessive leak unacceptable.
59. Oil leaks from gearbox/axle/final drive assembly (as applicable).	Excessive leak unacceptable.
60. Clutch slave cylinder for leaks.	Excessive leak unacceptable.
UNDER THE VEHICLE	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
61. Clutch cable.	Loose or worn unacceptable.
62. Steering assembly for damage.	Any sign of damage is unacceptable.
63. Steering assembly for wear and leaks.	Steering must be positive and free from wear and leaks.
64. Propshaft/driveshafts and gaiters for security.	Excessive play unacceptable.
65. Propshaft/driveshafts and gaiters for signs of wear and leaks.	Excessive play or leaks unacceptable.
66. Exhaust for security and condition.	Must not show any signs of deterioration. Must be secure along complete system.
67. Gearchange external linkage joints.	Must be secure.
68. Suspension mounting points for damage.	Must be secure.
69. Suspension units for damage.	Any damage unacceptable.

70. Suspension units for wear and leaks.	Any leaks unacceptable.
71. Suspension bushes for excessive wear.	Excessive wear unacceptable.
72. Shock absorbers for leaks.	Any leaks unacceptable.
73. Clearance for axle/suspension with bump stops or chassis.	Bump stops where fitted must be in good condition and free from damage and obstruction.
74. Chassis rails for damage/corrosion.	Any damage/corrosion unacceptable.
75. Brake pipes for damage.	Any damage unacceptable.
76. Brake pipes for corrosion.	As MOT standard.
77. Brake pipes for security.	Insecurity unacceptable.
78. Fuel pipes for leaks.	Any leak unacceptable.
79. Fuel pipes and tank hoses for security.	Insecurity unacceptable.
80. Fuel tank for damage.	Any damage or leak unacceptable.
BRAKES, WHEELS AND TYRES	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
81. Handbrake cable and mechanism for damage/corrosion.	Any damage or corrosion unacceptable.
82. Brake pads/shoes for wear.	Must have more than 2mm remaining (pads) sufficient for correct operation (shoes).
83. Condition of discs/drums.	Discs / drums must not be damaged, excessively worn, warped or corroded.
84. Wheel cylinders and calipers for fluid leaks.	Any leak unacceptable.

85. Tyres for 3mm tread depth.	Must have 3mm over the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tread pattern.
86. Permanent 4 wheel drive models maximum 1mm difference in tread depth front/rear.	As applicable.
87. Sidewalls for cracks/damage and tyre compatibility.	All tyres to be same size/type. No evidence of damage or repair to any part of the tyre.
88. Wheel bearings.	MOT standard for play.
89. Tyre pressures, including spare.	Correctly inflated.
90. Wheel alignments.	Wheels must be correctly aligned.
91. Headlamp alignment.	As MOT standard.
ROAD CHECK	POINT FOR FAILURE OR COMMENT
92. Engine.	Engine must be not less than 1400cc.
93. Visible exhaust emissions.	To be reported. Excessive smoke unacceptable.
94. Clutch slip/drag/judder (or kickdown on automatic).	Clutch / slip / drag or judder unacceptable, kickdown on automatic must function correctly.
95. Gearbox operation.	All gears must work/engage. All gears must be easily selected. Gear stick must be secure.
96. Foot brake operation, pull and fade.	Any excessive pull or fade not acceptable.
97. Steering wheel alignment with road wheels.	Steering wheel must be straight or within 10° when travelling in straight line.
98. Handbrake operation and adjustment.	As MOT standard.
99. Steering for pull, judder, knock or wander.	Any pull, judder, knock or wander unacceptable.

100. Wheel bearing noise.	Any noise unacceptable.
101. Transmission/axle noise.	Excessive noise unacceptable.
102. Internal trim rattles.	Slight 'rattle' from internal trim acceptable for age. Loose trim unacceptable.
103. Speedometer operation.	Must be working.
104. Odometer/tripmeter operation.	Both must work.
105. Operation and accuracy of fuel and temperature gauges.	Both gauges to be working or unacceptable.
106. Operation and self canceling of direction indicators.	Must be working.
107. Operation of wiper/washer of front and rear.	Must clear screen. If rear wiper/washer fitted by manufacturer, must be in place and working.
108. Operation and glass of door mirrors.	Any discolouration/loss of silvering is unacceptable. Must have a nearside mirror fitted to the exterior of the vehicle.
109. Security of door mirrors.	No tape or other fastening acceptable. Manufacturer's mirrors only acceptable.
110. Operation, security and glass of interior rear view mirror.	Must be fitted and adjustable.

**VEHICLE REPORT FOR LICENSING AS A
HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE**

NAME OF OWNER:	ADDRESS:
MAKE:	REGISTRATION NO:
MODEL:	CHASSIS NO:
MILEAGE:	

REPORT COLUMN: Enter ✓ if passed. Enter X if failed and work required or replacement needed.

To be completed in conjunction with the Criteria & Report Guidelines.

INTERIOR	REPORT	DESCRIBE FAULT OR RECTIFICATION WORK IF REQUIRED
1. VIN number and plate.		
2. Condition of all seating.		
3. Security of seats.		
4. Operation of all seat mechanisms.		
5. Condition of headlining.		
6. Operation/fitting of sunroof.		
7. Condition of carpets/gear lever/handbrake gaiter.		
8. Condition of door trims.		
9. Condition of seat belts.		

10. Security of seat belts and mountings.		
11. Operation of window mechanisms.		
12. Operation of interior door mechanisms including child locks.		
13. Operation of headlights.		
14. Operation of sidelights.		
15. Operation of direction indicators.		
16. Operation of hazard warning lights.		
17. Operation of brake lights.		
18. Operation of reversing lights.		
19. Operation of number plate lights.		
20. Operation of spot lights (if fitted).		
21. Operation of horn.		
22. Operation of heated rear window.		
23. Operation of heater fan.		
24. Operation of courtesy lights.		
25. Operation of panel lights.		

BOOT/LUGGAGE AREA		
26. Condition of spare tyre.		
27. Condition of spare wheel rim.		
28. Condition of boot carpet and trim.		
29. Condition of tools (if fitted).		
30. Tools and spare wheel stowed correctly.		
31. Internal boot/hatch opening mechanism.		
32. Boot lid/hatch seals.		
33. Signs of water ingress.		
EXTERIOR		
34. Bodywork and bumpers for damage.		
35. Paintwork for scratches.		
36. Evidence of previously repaired bodywork damage.		
37. Trim damaged/missing.		
38. Light lenses and reflectors for damage.		
39. Condition of front and rear wiper blades.		

40. Windscreen for chips/cracks and compliance with MOT regulations.		
41. All other glass for condition.		
42. Wheel trims.		
43. Operation of exterior lock mechanisms including keys.		
44. Condition and legality of number plates.		
ENGINE COMPARTMENT		
45. Cam box/rocker cover gasket not leaking.		
46. Drive and fan belts.		
47. Fuel filter (not leaking).		
48. Brake fluid level.		
49. Power steering fluid level.		
50. Radiator for leakage/damage/security.		
51. Hoses and clips for leakage/damage/security.		
52. Water pump for free play.		
53. Cooling fan for free play.		
54. Condition of washer bottle.		

55. Battery security and condition.		
56. All engine bay wiring for security.		
57. All engine wiring for wear.		
58. Oil leaks from engine.		
59. Oil leaks from gearbox/axle/final drive assembly (as applicable).		
60. Clutch slave cylinder for leaks.		
UNDER THE VEHICLE		
61. Clutch cable.		
62. Steering assembly for damage.		
63. Steering assembly for wear and leaks.		
64. Propshaft/driveshafts and gaiters for security.		
65. Propshaft/driveshafts and gaiters for signs of wear and leaks.		
66. Exhaust for security and condition.		
67. Gear change external linkage joints.		
68. Suspension mounting points for damage.		
69. Suspension units for damage.		

70. Suspension units for wear and leaks.		
71. Suspension bushes for excessive wear.		
72. Shock absorbers for leaks.		
73. Clearance for axle/suspension with bump stops or chassis.		
74. Chassis rails for damage/corrosion.		
75. Brake pipes for damage.		
76. Brake pipes for corrosion.		
77. Brake pipes for security.		
78. Fuel pipes for leaks.		
79. Fuel pipes and tank hoses for security.		
80. Fuel tank for damage.		
BRAKES, WHEELS AND TYRES		
81. Handbrake cable and mechanism for damage/corrosion.		
82. Brake pads/shoes for wear.		
83. Condition of discs/drums.		

84. Wheel cylinders and calipers for fluid leaks.		
85. Tyres for 3mm tread depth.		
86. Permanent 4 wheel drive models maximum 1mm difference in tread depth front/rear.		
87. Sidewalls for cracks/damage and tyre compatibility.		
88. Wheel bearings.		
89. Tyre pressures, including spare.		
90. Wheel alignments to manufacturer's standard.		
91. Headlamp alignment.		
ROAD CHECK		
92. Engine performance.		
93. Visible exhaust emissions.		
94. Clutch slip/drag/judder and kickdown on automatic.		
95. Gearbox operation.		
96. Foot brake operation, pull and fade.		
97. Steering wheel alignment with road wheels.		

98. Handbrake operation and adjustment.		
99. Steering for pull, judder, knock or wander.		
100. Wheel bearing noise.		
101. Transmission/axle noise.		
102. Internal trim rattles.		
103. Speedometer operation.		
104. Odometer/tripmeter operation.		
105. Operation and accuracy of fuel and temperature gauges.		
106. Operation and self canceling of direction indicators.		
107. Operation of wiper/washer of front and rear.		
108. Operation and glass of door mirrors.		
109. Security of door mirrors.		
110. Operation, security and glass of interior rear view mirror.		

I declare that I have inspected vehicle registration number in accordance with the Criteria Report and Guidelines and:

Found that the vehicle is in exceptional condition for its age.

OR

That it is not in exceptional condition and therefore not fit for the use as a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle.

(Please tick which is applicable)

I also understand that the Council will consider refusing to accept vehicle reports completed by me and could take legal action if I am found to have made a false statement.

Signed..... Print Name.....

Qualifications.....

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Garage Address.....

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Date.....

Garage Stamp.....

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HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES
CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

Chorley Council will not issue a Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence unless it is satisfied that the person applying for the licence is the proprietor.

- 1) Has completed and submitted to it the application on the prescribed form.
- 2) Has satisfied the Council that he is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and to operate a Hackney Carriage.
- 3) Has satisfied the Council that the vehicle is registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1949 or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 or any statutory amendments of those Acts by producing the vehicles registration document at the time of application.
- 4) Has satisfied the Council that there is in force, in relation to the use of the vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, a policy of insurance or security complying with the provisions of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972, which covers third party liability both in respect of physical injury or death and also in respect of damage to personal belongings. The policy/certificate of insurance or security must be produced before a licence may be granted.
- 5) Will present the vehicle for inspection at such place and at such time as the Council may by notice require.
- 6) Has satisfied the Council that the vehicle is suitable for use as a Hackney Carriage. For this purpose the proprietor must satisfy the Council that the vehicle complies with the following requirements:-
 - a) It must have at least two doors for the boarding and alighting of passengers in addition to a separate door for the driver and it must be fitted with at least four road wheels and be a right-hand drive vehicle.
 - b) The engine capacity must be adequate for the loads to be carried. Accordingly, the vehicle should have an engine capacity of at least 75 bhp or 1400cc.
 - c) It must have a luggage compartment adequate to contain luggage for each of the passengers, which it is authorised to carry. To accommodate luggage e.g. 4 suitcases measuring 20in x 28in x 7in.
 - d) Only one passenger may be accommodated in the front of the vehicle next to the driver in cases where the vehicle is designed to take only one front seat passenger.
 - e) Door catches must be secure at all times whilst being capable of easy operation by passengers.
 - f) Forward mounted driving mirrors must be fitted on both sides of the vehicle and an interior rear mirror must be fitted. The mirrors must be maintained all times.
 - g) The vehicle must be white unless it is a purpose built wheelchair accessible vehicle. Bizarre or garish colour schemes will not be permitted.
 - h) A 1kg (2.2lb) fire extinguisher of the dry powder type shall be fitted to the vehicle so as to be readily available for use at all times and be marked with the Hackney Carriage plate number. The fire extinguisher shall be maintained in good working order at all times.

- i) Every estate type vehicle be fitted with the manufacturer's approved or other universal type approved grille, securely fixed to the frame of the vehicle between the passenger area and load (luggage) carrying area.
 - j) Seating for each passenger must be **not** less than 400mm (16") with a minimum width, measured between the arm rests, or any other point that is protruding into passenger seating area, of 1220mm (48").
 - k) The minimum width between the back of the driver's seat and the front of the rear seating, measured when the driver's seat is fully pushed back, must **not** be less than 180mm (7").
 - l) The height as measured between the rear seat and the height to the roof lining in a vertical plain, must be **not** less than 860mm (34").
 - m) No vehicle will be licensed if the passenger has to climb over seats or luggage to gain egress, or where such entrance or exit is sited over a fuel tank, high sill, or has been fitted with handles which are not clearly visible and of a type consistent with those fitted to all other doors of the vehicle.
- 7) In addition to the licence plate, which must be displayed at all times, a hackney carriage, shall have a roof sign, illuminated when its plying for hire and shall be extinguished once the taximeter is reset at the commencement of a journey, until such time as that journey is complete.
- (a) The roof sign must be firmly affixed to the roof of the vehicle and may display the words 'taxi' or 'hackney carriage' or the operating name of a company or proprietor or business and its telephone number.
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- a) With effect from 1 July 2008 no vehicle will be accepted at first licensing unless it is less than three years old at first registration, or unless it is in exceptionally good condition, as defined by a vehicle safety inspection report.
 - b) With effect from 1 July 2008 no vehicle licensed with this Council will be re-licensed if it is more than eight years old at first registration, unless it is in exceptionally good condition, as defined by a vehicle safety report.
 - c) With effect from 1 July 2008, in the event of a licensed private hire vehicle reaching six years old the vehicle will be subject to taxi testing three times per year and an annual Vehicle Safety Report.
 - d) No Q plated vehicles will be considered for licensing.
9. The vehicle shall display the Council's approved door signs on the front passenger and drivers doors and the rear external and internal licence plates. Any additional livery must not be above 12" measured from the bottom of the door, and in any case must not protrude higher than the bump bar strip fitted to the door, this area will be regarded as the lower panel of the door.

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES
CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

Chorley Council will not issue a Private Hire Vehicle licence unless it is satisfied that the person applying for the licence is the proprietor.

1. Has completed and submitted to it the application on the prescribed form.
2. Has satisfied the Council that he is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and to operate a Private Hire Vehicle.
3. Has satisfied the Council that the vehicle is registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1949 or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 or any statutory amendments of those Acts by producing the vehicles registration document at the time of application.
4. Has satisfied the Council that there is in force, in relation to the use of the vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle, a policy of insurance or security complying with the provisions of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972, which covers third party liability both in respect of physical injury or death and also in respect of damage to personal belongings. The policy/certificate of insurance or security must be produced before a licence may be granted.
5. Will present the vehicle for inspection at such place and at such time as the Council may by notice require.
6. Has satisfied the Council that the vehicle is suitable for use as a Private Hire Vehicle for this purpose the proprietor must satisfy the Council that the vehicle complies with the following requirements:-
 - a) It must have at least two doors for the boarding and alighting of passengers in addition to a separate door for the driver and it must be fitted with at least four road wheels and be a right-hand drive vehicle. Except for stretch limousines and similar vehicles.
 - b) The engine capacity must be adequate for the loads to be carried. Accordingly, the vehicle should have an engine capacity of at least 75 bhp or 1400cc.
 - c) It must have a luggage compartment adequate to contain luggage for each of the passengers, which it is authorised to carry. To accommodate luggage e.g. 4 suitcases measuring 20in x 28in x 7in.
 - d) Only one passenger may be accommodated in the front of the vehicle next to the driver in cases where the vehicle is designed to take only one front seat passenger.
 - e) Door catches must be secure at all times whilst being capable of easy operation by passengers.
 - f) Forward mounted driving mirrors must be fitted on both sides of the vehicle and an interior rear mirror must be fitted. The mirrors must be maintained all times.
 - g) The vehicle must be a suitable colour other than white, except for stretch limousines or similar. Bizarre or garish colour schemes will not be permitted.
 - h) A 1kg (2.2lb) fire extinguisher of the dry powder type shall be fitted to the vehicle so as to be readily available for use at all times and be marked with the private

- hire plate number. The fire extinguisher shall be maintained in good working order at all times.
- i) Every estate type vehicle be fitted with the manufacturer's approved or other universal type approved grille, securely fixed to the frame of the vehicle between the passenger area and load (luggage) carrying area.
 - j) Seating for each passenger must be **not** less than 400mm (16") with a minimum width, measured between the arm rests, or any other point that is protruding into passenger seating area, of 1220mm (48").
 - k) The minimum width between the back of the driver's seat and the front of the rear seating, measured when the driver's seat is fully pushed back, must **not** be less than 180mm (7").
 - l) The height as measured between the rear seat and the height to the roof lining in a vertical plain, must be **not** less than 860mm (34").
 - m) No vehicle will be licensed if the passenger has to climb over seats or luggage to gain egress, or where such entrance or exit is sited over a fuel tank, high sill, or has been fitted with handles which are not clearly visible and of a type consistent with those fitted to all other doors of the vehicle.
7. With effect from 1 July 2008 no vehicle will be accepted at first licensing unless it is less than three years old at first registration, or unless it is in exceptionally good condition, as defined by a vehicle safety inspection report and further considered by an officer in regards to vehicle type, class, colour, condition, service history, passenger numbers and suitability.
- b) With effect from 1 July 2008 no vehicle licensed with this Council will be re-licensed if it is more than six years old at first registration, unless it is in exceptionally good condition, as defined by a vehicle safety report and further considered by an officer in regards to vehicle type, class, colour, condition, service history, passenger numbers and suitability.
 - c) With effect from 1 July 2008, in the event of a licensed private hire vehicle reaching six years old the vehicle will be subject to taxi testing three times per year and an annual Vehicle Safety Report.
 - d) No Q plated vehicles will be considered for licensing.
8. The vehicle shall display the Council's approved door signs on the front passenger and drivers doors and the rear external and internal licence plates. Any additional livery must not be above 12" measured from the bottom of the door, and in any case must not protrude higher than the bump bar strip fitted to the door, this area will be regarded as the lower panel of the door.

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE ADDITIONAL TO THE STATUTORY BYELAWS

<p>DEFINITION</p> <p>1. "Authorised Officer" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976. "The Council" means the Council of the Borough of Chorley. "Taxi" has the same meaning as in the Transport Act, 1985. "The identification plates" mean the plates issued by the Council for the purpose of identifying the vehicle as a hackney carriage. "The proprietor" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976. "Taximeter" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976. "Byelaws" are those byelaws made in pursuance of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.</p> <p>IDENTIFICATION PLATES</p> <p>2. The identification plate shall remain the property of the Council at all times and shall be affixed to the hackney carriage by the proprietor at his own expense, in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> at the rear of the vehicle, and to the exterior of the vehicle, and with the number facing to the rear, and in a vertical plane, and must be affixed by bolts or screws or other similar secure means in such a manner as to be easily removed by an Authorised Officer of the Council or Police Constable. <p>3. Internal licence plate must be fixed to the dashboard not obscuring the drivers view or on the windscreen outside the swiped area.</p> <p>4. Door signs. The vehicle shall display Council provided livery to the front driver and passenger door fixed in a readable position.</p> <p>TYPE OF VEHICLE</p> <p>5. (a) The vehicle must be a vehicle approved for use as a Hackney Carriage in Chorley. (b) The vehicle must not be left hand drive. (c) The vehicle must not be a convertible, ie have a soft top. (d) The vehicle must have at least 4 doors. (e) The vehicle must have a capacity for at least 4 adult passengers. (f) Where the vehicle is fitted with continuous seats, one person shall be counted for each complete length of 16 inches measured in a straight line lengthwise on the front of each seat, and where any such continuous seat is fitted with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces and such arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use, such seat shall be measured for the purposes of this Regulation as if it had not been fitted with such arms. (g) The colour of the vehicle unless a purpose built hackney carriage shall be white. (h) (i) On the date of first licensing, a vehicle shall normally be no older than three years from the date of first registration; (ii) On the vehicle reaching the age of six years from the date of first registration, the Licence for the vehicle shall normally no longer be eligible for renewal; (iii) That in respect of the Fairway, Austin FX4 or Reliant Metrocab Hackney Carriages, or any subsequent replacement models thereof, on the date of first licensing a vehicle shall be no older than seven years from the date of first registration, and that on the vehicle reaching the age of twenty years from the date of first registration, the Licence for the vehicle shall normally no longer be eligible for renewal.</p> <p>CONDITION OF VEHICLE</p> <p>6. The proprietor shall ensure that the hackney carriage shall be maintained in a sound mechanical and structural condition at all times and be capable of satisfying the Council's mechanical and structural inspection at any time during the continuance of the vehicle's licence including the MOT/taxi test and vehicle safety report.</p> <p>7. The proprietor or proprietors as defined by Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 shall be jointly and severally responsible for the vehicle and all its fittings and equipment and shall ensure that at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire, it is maintained in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and that all relevant statutory requirements (including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations) are fully complied with. The regulations, amended to include rear seat passengers, who must now wear seat belts if provided is outlined below.</p> <p>8. The proprietor shall not allow the mechanical and structural specification of the hackney carriage to be varied without the consent of an Authorised Officer of the Council.</p> <p>SAFETY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>9. The proprietor of the hackney carriage shall provide and maintain to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer an efficient fire extinguisher which shall be securely fixed to the vehicle and in easy reach of the driver at all times. The extinguisher shall be manufactured to British Standards and shall show the B.S. number.</p> <p>SIGNS, NOTICES, ETC</p> <p>10. No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever shall be displayed on, in or from the vehicle except as may be required by any statutory provision or required or permitted by these conditions, provided however, that this condition shall not apply to a sign which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> contains no words or numbers other than the name, address and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle or the name under which he carries on his business and his business address and telephone numbers; displays sponsored commercial advertisements for which display prior permission has been obtained from the Council. <p>The proprietor shall cause to be fixed to the roof of Saloon Type Hackney Carriages an illuminated sign bearing the words "CHORLEY BOROUGH TAXI" on both the forward and rearward faces of the sign. The sign shall be capable of being so operated that when the vehicle is engaged for hire, the sign is not illuminated.</p> <p>PASSENGERS</p> <p>11(A) The proprietor shall not permit the Hackney Carriage to be used to carry a greater number of passengers than that prescribed in the licence. NOTE: It must be remembered that a licence is issued for a maximum number of passengers, be it 4, 5 or 8 (regardless of age or size) and it is an offence to carry more than the number licensed for (this may also invalidate the vehicle insurance). The allowance of two children under the age of ten being counted as one person insofar as the rear seating only is concerned is only for the purpose of the fare charged and not for increasing the number of persons being carried as passengers.</p> <p>B) Under the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations 1993, all occupants of a vehicle, as described in (A), must wear a seat belt if provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hackney Carriage drivers may claim exemption if plying for, or actually carrying passengers on hire, but this will not apply whilst driving to and from his home or base nor whilst not plying for hire. Private Hire drivers may only claim exemption when a fare paying passenger is actually in the vehicle and not at any other time. <p>ANIMALS</p> <p>12. The proprietor shall not permit any animal to ride in the vehicle, except an animal in the custody or control of the hirer which animal shall be conveyed in the rear of the vehicle.</p> <p>TWO-WAY RADIOS</p> <p>13. The proprietor shall ensure that any radio equipment fitted to his hackney carriage is at all times kept in a safe and sound condition and maintained in proper working order.</p>	<p>14. That any means of radio communication used by the proprietor or driver of a hackney carriage with respect to the operation thereof must be a means of radio communication using radio frequencies other than those licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry for use by Citizens Band Radio.</p> <p>The regulations, amended to include rear seat passengers, who must now wear seat belts if provided is outlined below.</p> <p>From 18 September 2006 in cars, vans and goods vehicles</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Front seat</th> <th>Rear seat</th> <th>Who is responsible?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Driver</td> <td>Seat belt MUST be worn if available.</td> <td></td> <td>Driver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child up to 3 years*</td> <td>Correct child restraint MUST be used*.</td> <td>Correct child restraint MUST be used*. 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This licence is issued specifically in respect of a vehicle constructed or adapted for the carriage of disabled persons and once granted, the licensed vehicle and any replacement vehicle must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> in the opinion of the Council be suitable for the carriage of disabled persons; at all times comply with the specification guidelines set down by the Council and for the time being in force; and/or comply with any regulations that may be made by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. 		Front seat	Rear seat	Who is responsible?	Driver	Seat belt MUST be worn if available.		Driver	Child up to 3 years*	Correct child restraint MUST be used*.	Correct child restraint MUST be used*. If one is not available in a taxi, may travel unrestrained.	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CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (PHV) LICENCE

<p>DEFINITIONS</p> <p>1. "Authorised Officer" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. "The Council" means the Council of the Borough of Chorley. "The identification plates" means the plates issued by the Council for the purpose of identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle. "The Proprietor" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. "Taximeter" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.</p> <p>IDENTIFICATION PLATES</p> <p>2. The identification plate shall remain the property of the Council at all times and shall be affixed to the private hire vehicle by the proprietor at his own expense, in the following manner:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> at the rear of the vehicle, and to the exterior of the vehicle, and with the number facing to the rear, and in a vertical plane, and must be affixed by bolts or screws or other similar secure means in such a manner as to be easily removed by an Authorised Officer of the Council or Police Constable. <p>3. The proprietor of the private hire vehicle shall ensure the identification plates are maintained and kept in such condition that the information contained on the identification plate is clearly visible to public view at all times.</p> <p>4. Internal licence plate must be fixed to the dashboard not obscuring the drivers view or on the windscreen outside the swiped area.</p> <p>5. Door signs. The vehicle shall display Council provided livery to the front driver and passenger door fixed in a readable position.</p> <p>TYPE OF VEHICLE</p> <p>6. (a) The vehicle must not be a vehicle approved for use as a Hackney Carriage in Chorley. (b) The vehicle must not be left-hand drive except for stretch limousines or vehicles of similar nature. (c) The vehicle must not be a convertible i.e. have a soft top. (d) The vehicle must have at least 4 doors. (e) The vehicle must have a capacity for at least 4 adult passengers. 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The proprietor of a private hire vehicle shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provide sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver; cause the roof or covering to be kept watertight; provide any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing with not less than one window on each side; cause the seats to be properly cushioned or covered; cause the floor to be provided with a proper carpet, mat, or other suitable covering; cause the fittings and furniture generally to be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for public use; provide means for securing luggage; provide if possible within the constraints of Construction and Use Regulations, at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such a vehicle and a separate means of ingress and egress for the driver. <p>SAFETY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>9. 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(1) No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever shall be displayed on, in or from the vehicle except as may be required by any statutory provision or required or permitted by these conditions, provided, however, that this condition shall not apply to a sign which:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contains no words or numbers other than the name, address and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle or the name under which he carries on his business and his business address and telephone number; provided that in the opinion of the Council the wording of any sign does not appear to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a hackney carriage; Displays sponsored commercial advertisements to be displayed on the rear passenger's doors, for which display prior written permission has been obtained from the Council. <p>(2) There may be displayed within the vehicle for the information of the passengers a table of fares in a form and type of printing previously submitted to and approved by the Council.</p> <p>(3) Roof signs are not permitted on private hire vehicles.</p> <p>PASSENGERS AND SEAT BELTS</p> <p>11. 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**PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING
STRUCTURE APPROXIMATE COSTS**

<u>PROPOSED</u>		<u>CURRENT</u> (These are approximate costs)	
Vehicles 0 – 3 years (see note below)		Vehicles 0 – 3 years	
Annually		Annually	
* 1 x taxi test/MOT		1 x taxi test (without MOT)	Between £25 - £45
		1 x taxi test with MOT	Between £34 - £94
<u>TOTAL</u> £60		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Between £59 - £139</u>
Vehicles 3 – 6 years		Vehicles 3 – 6 years	
* 2 x taxi test at £60 each £120		1 taxi test (without MOT)	Between £25 - £45
Vehicle Safety Report £40		1 taxi test with MOT	Between £34 - £94
<u>TOTAL</u> £130		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Between £59 - £139</u>
Vehicles 6 years old		Vehicles 6 years old	
Annually		Annually	
* <u>3 x taxi test at £60 each</u> £180		1 taxi test (without MOT)	Between £25 - £45
Vehicle Safety Report £10		1 taxi test (with MOT)	Between £34 - £94
<u>TOTAL</u> £190		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Between £59 - £139</u>
Vehicles 8 years old		Vehicles 8 years old	
Annually		Annually	
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<u>TOTAL</u> £190		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Between £90 - £184</u>

MOT and test (£60) plus Vehicle Safety Report (£10) TOTAL £70

Safety Report on its own will be by negotiation with garage and operator, but will be around £60.

Note 1 - if licensed for 6 months, a taxi test* will be required every 6 months, annual total £120.

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**ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE TAXI TRADE
VEHICLE TEST ARRANGEMENTS APPROXIMATE COSTS**

(The main difference to the proposal is the frequency of testing)

<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> (These are approximate costs)
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