

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	9 March 2011

MPV VEHICLE CONDITION – TRANSITION DATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To enable Members to review the implementation of a requirement that requires all multi passenger type vehicles (MPV's) to meet a transition date condition of 1 June 2011 which was approved by Members in October 2010.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. It is recommended that the transition date approved by Members is retained to ensure the Councils fleet of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles meet minimum requirements for passenger comfort when accessing and exiting MPV's.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. Members received a report at the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 20 October 2011 where the issue of multi passenger type vehicles (MPV) was considered in relation to proposed new conditions.
4. Members approved a set of conditions which ensured that the additional seating provided in MPVs were suitable for passenger comfort and in particular allowed ease of access and exit from the vehicle when the rear seats were in use.
5. In approving the conditions, Members also determined that a transition date should be set whereby all existing vehicles on fleet complied with the new condition. This date was set as 1 June 2011.
6. It is believed that this implementation date affects only two vehicles on fleet, beyond which those vehicles would have to be removed from fleet or have their licence amended to reduce the number of passengers licensed to be carried from 6 passengers to 4 passengers.
7. Representations from the trade have been received which claim that this transition date is unfair and prejudices the respective proprietors ability to operate.
8. Members are invited to inspect the vehicle types in question and determine whether the transition date previously agreed should be retained.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

9. To ensure the Councils fleet of hackney and private hire vehicles are fit for purpose in so far as passenger comfort is concerned.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

10. Alternative transition arrangements were considered by Members at a previous Licensing and Public Safety Committee meeting on 20 October 2010.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

11. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities		Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			X

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

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

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

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

13. The responsibility for the making of conditions to be attached to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licences within the Borough of Chorley lies with the Licensing and Public Safety Committee. The Committee are obliged to consider the benefit of proposed conditions to the public against impact on the drivers and adopt such conditions reasonably. The Committee considered this condition in October last year, the condition itself is not in question but the date of implementation is. The Committee considered this issue carefully prior to its adoption and there is nothing in the representations received that could be treated as a material change in the factual situation which may have influenced the Committee's decision in October.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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