

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People & Places	Licensing & Public Safety Committee	6 March 2013

DVLA V5 DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To bring to Members attention that representatives of the Chorley taxi trade have expressed concerns relating to a long standing condition relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle licences which require the DVLA V5 vehicle registration document to be presented as part of the licence application process for a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Members are recommended to note the concerns of the representatives of the Chorley taxi trade, consider the issues raised in the report and determine a preferred course of action.

BACKGROUND

- At a meeting of the Licensing Liaison Panel on 11th February 2013, representatives of the taxi trade requested that the requirement to present the DVLA V5 vehicle registration document is reconsidered by Members. The request was agreed by the Chair of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee at that meeting.
- Members have previously considered this issue at a meeting of Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 9th March 2011 following similar concerns raised by the taxi trade and subsequently unanimously resolved–

That the original condition be retained unchanged to ensure that there was a traceable and accurate document which identified the registered vehicle keeper in order that the vehicle licence applicant and vehicle keeper could be identified as one and the same person at the time of the vehicle licence application as well as confirmation of the date of first registration of the vehicle in the UK.

- The report submitted to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 9th March 2011 is attached as Appendix 1 and the issues highlighted in that report and the reasons for the requirement to provide the DVLA V5 document are still current today. Therefore this report does not seek to reproduce the original report in full.

ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

- Should Members be minded to change the current condition requiring submission of the DVLA V5 document, then a possible alternative, where the V5 document cannot be produced at the time of application, would be to require production of **all** of the following:
 - The new keepers supplement (V5C2) – this is the V5 slip handed to the new keeper when the vehicle is sold

- A bill of sale indicating details of the vehicle (including plate no. if applicable or vehicle registration number), the name and address of the buyer and seller and the date of sale
- Photocopy of the existing V5 as issued to the existing registered keeper as this has the date of first registration in the UK for the vehicle.

Members should note that this process is not as robust as the production of a DVLA issued V5 and potentially more administratively burdensome, however the production of this information as an alternative enables the Council to perform the same checks as are currently undertaken should there be any concerns regarding the integrity of the vehicle.

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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	X	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. 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	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

9. The Council is entitled to impose reasonable requirements on vehicle licences. The proposed amendment to the licensing policy and conditions are in accordance with the Council legal powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Powers) Act 1976.
10. It is open to the Committee to change the current condition based on all the relevant information and following consideration of the requirements set out in the report.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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