

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Customer, Democratic and Legal Services	Licensing & Safety Committee	20/09/06

TESTING OF LICENSED VEHICLES – AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURE

PURPOSE OF REPORT`

1. To amend a previous Committee minute regarding the procedure for licensing vehicles that are over the Council's age limit. The reason for doing this is to remove any ambiguity from the original minute.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2. This report is relevant to one of the following key priorities of the Council, ie making a safer Chorley by ensuring as far as possible that licensed vehicles are safe.

RISK ISSUES

3. The report contains no risk issues for consideration by Members.

BACKGROUND

4. It is a condition of hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licences that "on the vehicle reaching the age of eight years from the date of manufacture, the licence for the vehicle shall normally no longer be eligible for renewal".
5. The word "normally" was inserted because of a Court decision that although a Council can have a condition relating to age of vehicle they must also consider older vehicles if the vehicle is in excellent condition for its age.
6. On 6 March 2002 a procedure was agreed by this Committee which is set out on the attached annex.
7. The condition needs amending to remove any ambiguity.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

8. Not applicable

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

9. Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION(S)

10. It is recommended that paragraphs iii and iv of minute 02.LS.20 be amended to read as follows:

- iii) Vehicles that have reached the “age limit” of eight years can only be submitted for a taxi test provided that they have been produced, by appointment, for inspection by a member of the Licensing Section and the vehicle is considered suitable.
- iv) When the vehicle is submitted for a taxi test following a Licensing Office inspection the vehicle may be licensed for a four month period only, provided that the vehicle passes a taxi test on the day that it is first presented for test.
- v) Should the vehicle fail the taxi test it will not be eligible for licensing.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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