

Subject: Update Report: Review Decision-
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Condition
5.10 and Private Hire Vehicle Condition 4.10

Status: For Publication

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 24th March 2009

Report of: Executive Director of Business

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Resources

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request elected members of the Licensing Committee determine the previously deferred report at Appendix A

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective/s.

- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
- Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 At a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 16th December 2008 it was resolved:

That the review of the decision of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Condition 5.10 and Private Hire Vehicle Condition 4.10 be deferred pending further investigation through the Taxi Liaison Group in January 2009

4.2 The original report and associated documents are at Appendix A.

- 4.3 The Taxi Liaison Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Minutes of the meetings held in January and February 2009 are at Appendix B.
- 4.4 As Agreed at Taxi Liaison, a consultation document was issued to all licensed vehicle owners; the consultation document and associated responses is located at Appendix C. The document includes proposals from the taxi trade and the Licensing Unit.
- 4.5 14 responses to the consultation were received. This included a batch of 10 responses all of which circled option 1 and option 4 supporting a suggestion of the Independent Taxi Driver's Association. Responses to the consultation are at Appendix C excluding the batch of 10 outlined above. All consultation responses will be available for scrutiny at the meeting.
- 4.6 After the Taxi Trade Liaison meeting held on 3rd March 2009, the Independent Taxi Driver's Association handed over a statement reported to be from the Ford Motor Company. This is located at Appendix D.
- 4.7 The Licensing Unit further reports that as of 11th March 2009, there are 32 vehicles licensed by Rossendale Borough Council that may require inspection following the determination of the Licensing Committee.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 There are no material financial implications

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Council must make a decision based on all relevant information and following consideration of all relevant Council policies

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 There are no specific human resources implications

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 See original report at Appendix A

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 See original report at Appendix A

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Taxi Trade through consultation and liaison

10.2 See original report at Appendix A

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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Appendices	
Document	Appendix Number
Review Decision-HCV Licence Condition 5.10 and PHV Licence Condition 4.10 Report heard 16 th December 2008 and associated documents	<i>A</i>
Minutes of the Taxi Trade Liaison Meeting for January and February 2009	<i>B</i>
Consultation Document + responses	<i>C</i>
Statement of Ford Motor Company	<i>D</i>