

ITEM 8

Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee 23 April 2008

Minute Extract

28/08 The Proposed Use of Rickshaw's in Derby City Centre

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services on the proposed use of Rickshaw's in Derby City Centre. There were currently two requests for the Council to approve the use of rickshaws within the City Centre. Both proposals were to carry passengers around the City Centre free of charge. They will be propelled by either pedal power alone, or by a combination of pedal and battery power.

A representative attended the meeting to promote the benefits of the Rickshaws to the Committee.

Members raised concerns about the use of pedestrian areas within the City Centre as this has always caused problems with cyclists.

It was noted that the Rickshaws would not be accessible to all but would need to comply with the Disabled Discrimination Act by 2010. This may need looking into further from a legal perspective.

A proposal was put forward and seconded that the item be deferred so a Cross Party Working Group could be set up and examine the implications of licensing rickshaws and report back to the next scheduled meeting with their recommendations.

Resolved to defer the above item to the next scheduled meeting.

29/08 The Proposed Use of 'Tuk Tuks' in Derby

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services on the proposed use of Tuk Tuks in Derby City Centre. A request had been received for the Council to approve the use of tuk tuks within the City Centre. The application was for a tuk tuk limousine which has a larger rear compartment, seating up to six passengers. Tuk tusk are fitted with a water-cooled two-stroke engine.

A representative attended the meeting to promote the benefits of the Tuk Tuks to the Committee.

A proposal was put forward and seconded that the item be deferred so a Cross Party Working Group could be set up and examine the implications of

licensing tuk tuks and report back to the next scheduled meeting with their recommendations.

Resolved to defer the above item to the next scheduled meeting.

Taxi Licensing and Appeals committee
9 July 2008

Minute Extract

**06/08 The Proposed Licensing of Tuk-Tuks and
Rickshaws in Derby**

The Committee considered a report from Director of Environmental Services on the proposed licensing of Tuk-Tuks and Rickshaws in Derby. At the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee on 23 April 2008, it was agreed that a Cross Party Working Group would examine the implications of licensing Tuk-Tuks and Rickshaws for use in Derby and report back to the Committee with their recommendations. The Cross Party Working Group met on 11 June 2008 to consider this issue.

The Working Group agreed to recommend that Tuk-Tuks and Rickshaws should be licensed, subject to compliance with the Council's standard conditions already in place for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles and a set of vehicle specifications to be produced that have been influenced largely on the detail of the advice received from Council.

Members raised concerns that the vehicles would not meet the Disability Equality Duty. It was reported that Tuk-tuks and Rickshaws would be available for hire to all and that the construction and use of the vehicles would have to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and/or the Disability Equality Duty. It was noted that the Council's Access Officer had been consulted on the issue.

It was suggested, and agreed, that section 8b of the Vehicle Specification was too prescriptive and that it should be amended by the inclusion of the words highlighted at b) below to read as follows:

- b) a suitable first aid kit containing **at least** the following items:
 - (i) six individually wrapped adhesive dressings;
 - (ii) one medium sized un-medicated dressing approximately 100 mm by 80 mm (e.g. standard dressing No 8 or No 13 BPC);
 - (iii) one triangular bandage (sterile);

- (iv) six safety pins, and
- (v) one pair of disposable gloves.

Resolved:

1. To note the report;
2. To request Council to licence Tuk-Tuks and Rickshaws subject to each complying with the applicable Council Standard Conditions for Hackney Carriages and / or Private Hire Vehicles and the approval of a set of vehicle specifications for such vehicles.

Council
15 July 2008

Minute Extract

36/08 Minutes and Recommendations of the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee, requiring the approval of the Council, set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Redfern, to approve Minute 06/08 of the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee “The Proposed Licensing of Tuk-Tuks and Rickshaws in Derby” and to defer Minute 07/08 of the committee “Request for Relaxation of ‘Contract Hire’ Exemption Regime” to the next meeting of Council.