

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

MULTI AGENCY TAXI LICENSING ENFORCEMENT AT EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To note the contents of the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Taxi Enforcement Officers took part in two multi-agency enforcement exercises at East Midlands Airport, one in June and another in September 2008.
- 2.2 The exercises were organised by North West Leicestershire District Council and were attended by Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire Local Authorities. Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Road Policing Unit (RPU), Vehicle Operator Service Agency (VOSA), Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and H M Revenue and Customs.
- 2.3 Details of the exercises are set out below:
 - 221 vehicles were inspected
 - 24 had Taxi Licensing offences
 - 1 served with Taxi Licensing Prohibitions
 - 37 had Taxi Licensing minor defects
 - 10 served with VOSA prohibitions
 - 1 served with Police Prohibitions
 - 4 served with VOSA deferred prohibitions
 - 1 unlicensed vehicles (and no insurance)
 - 1 unlicensed driver (and no insurance)
 - 1 vehicles seized by H M Revenue and Customs for excessive use of vegetable oil
 - None were found to be using red diesel.
- 2.4 12 Derby City Council licensed vehicles were inspected resulting in one prohibition (suspension), two minor defects (advisory).
- 2.5 It was interesting to note the variations in vehicle conditions observed between the different licensing authorities. Conditions of some vehicles may have been dealt with differently if licensed by Derby City.
- 2.6 It is intended to continue these exercises on a regular basis in the future.

APPENDIX 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. None directly arising.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. Taxi Licensing contributes to the priority of **giving excellent services and value for money.**