



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

15 October 2008

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

STATISTICS FOR TAXI LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES – QUARTERS 1 AND 2 2008

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The statistics for licensing enforcement activities for the first two quarters of 2008/9 are attached at Appendices 2 and 3.
- 2.2 When considering the enforcement statistics regard must be given to the approach that enforcement officers take when inspecting vehicles. A risk based approach is taken in accordance with the Taxi Licensing Enforcement Policy. Therefore, officers may target those vehicles that appear to be below the Council's standard for public and private hire licensed vehicles. This approach would include vehicles having a dirty appearance or showing minor damage or defects. These statistics do not indicate the general condition of the licensed fleet.
- 2.3 The Chair of Taxi Licensing and Appeals holds regular meetings with the trade representatives and vehicle safety and maintenance is reiterated to the attendees to help improve standards.
- 2.4 The numbers relating to visits in Appendix 2 relate to those customers who requested information or advice from a member of the Taxi Licensing Team.
- 2.5 An increase in private hire vehicle and drivers' licenses issued has been observed in the first six months compared to the same period last year. This may be in part due to the contract exemption removal, which means previously unlicensed chauffeur vehicles and drivers require licensing.
- 2.6 Enforcement Officers are continuing to take part in multi-agency enforcement exercises, including East Midlands Airport and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA). These exercises are in addition to the usual enforcement work carried out.

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Background papers:	None
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 Implications Appendix 2 Licensing Statistics Appendix 3 Vehicle Enforcement Statistics

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

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