

## **Testing Standard's for Licensed Vehicles**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 On 4 July 2013 committee considered a report about the comparison of testing standards for licensed vehicles.
- 1.2 The committee resolved to instruct the Director of Environment and Regulatory Services to report back to the Taxi licensing and Appeals Committee with a proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual.
- 1.3 A copy of the proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual is attached at Appendices 2 - 5.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That committee approves the proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual in Appendices 2 – 5.
- 2.2 That committee authorises the Service Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, to go out to consultation with the Approved Garages on the proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual set out in Appendices 2 – 5 and report back the findings for further consideration at future committee meeting with recommendations for final approval.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure that the council's current licensed vehicle testing regime is current, is fit for purpose and complies with relevant legislation.
- 3.2 To ensure that the public have access to safe and well maintained hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 On 4 July 2013, committee considered a report about the comparison of testing standards for licensed vehicles.

- 4.2 At the meeting, committee resolved to instruct the Director of Environment and Regulatory Services to report back to the Taxi licensing and Appeals Committee with a proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual.
- 4.3 A copy of the proposed amended Supplementary Testing Manual is attached at Appendices 2 - 5.
- 4.4 The proposed Supplementary Testing Manual consists of three parts:
1. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles National Testing Standards produced jointly by the Freight Transport Authority and the Public Authority Transport Network.
  2. Additional items that are included in the Council's current Supplementary Testing Manual but not covered in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles National Testing Standards produced jointly by the Freight Transport Authority and the Public Authority Transport Network.
  3. The current vehicle conditions and specifications.
- 4.5 The main change is the proposed introduction of the national testing standards in Part 1. These replace the existing technical standards set out in the current supplementary testing manual. The additional items contained in Part 2 have been included following the discussions at the meeting in July. The vehicle conditions and specifications contained in Part 3 have been updated following the decisions made recently by committee in relation to the provision of fire extinguishers and first aid kits.
- 4.6 Under Sub-Paragraph 3.3.1.4 of the current Approved Garage Tender Contract, each testing station shall be required to adopt, subject to consultation, changes to the Council's Supplementary Testing Manual. This means, before any changes are made, a consultation exercise needs to be undertaken with all the Approved Garages.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Make no changes to the current Supplementary Testing Manual. The need to review the manual has been identified previously.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Legal**

- 2.1 As the licensing authority, the Council is obliged to ensure that its licensing policies and related terms effectively safeguard the public interest.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 The information set out in this report supports the corporate priorities so the people of Derby **enjoy being safe and feeling safe** and the Council provides **good quality services that meet local needs**.



**DERBY CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPLEMENTARY TESTING MANUAL  
FOR  
HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND  
PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

September 2013

## **Introduction**

All vehicles that are, or will be licensed as hackney carriage, private hire or stretched limousines in Derby City must meet the standards outlined in this document.

This Testing Standards Manual is comprised of three parts, the first is the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles National Inspection Standards produced jointly by the Freight Transport Authority and the Public Authority Transport Network.

The second part includes those areas previously covered by the Council's Supplementary Testing Manual but not contained within the National Inspection Standards.

The third part includes the current vehicle specifications and the current vehicle licence conditions.

It is envisaged this manual will be utilised by the Council's approved testing garages, potential licensed and existing licensed vehicle proprietors.

All hackney carriages, private hire vehicles and stretched limousines will be required to meet the relevant requirements within this document.