



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

26 April 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

TAXI LICENSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY – OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2005

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the actions taken.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 February 2006, this committee considered a report on the Taxi Licensing workload and enforcement activity for October to December 2005. During the meeting Members expressed concerns about the enforcement statistics relating to licensed vehicles. In response to these concerns the following actions have been taken:
 - 1 The Chair has raised the concerns with representatives of both the hackney carriage and private hire trades. Trade representatives were also concerned and agreed to take the Chair's call for better vehicle maintenance and routine checks back to their colleagues.
 - 2 The Chair has written to all vehicle proprietors and drivers advising them of their legal duty to maintain their vehicles in a safe and roadworthy condition.
 - 3 It is proposed that vehicle proprietors or drivers who regularly fail to maintain their vehicles to the required standard are referred to Licensing Sub-Committee A, so that members can consider whether any additional action is required. It is proposed that this would happen in every case where a vehicle's licence is suspended on two or more occasions in any 12 month period. If this approach is approved by Committee the enforcement protocol will need to be amended accordingly.
- 2.2 At the time of drafting this report the January to March statistics are still being compiled. It is unlikely that these will be available by the date of the committee; however, preliminary indications are that these results will be very similar to those in the last quarter of 2005.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities Impact

4. None.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. This matter comes under the Council's priority of improving customer service in the city centre and locally.

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