



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## **TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

13 October 2010

Report of the Strategic Director of  
Neighbourhoods

# **ITEM**

### **TAXI LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES 2010/11 QUARTER 1 AND 2**

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report provides information on the activities the taxi licensing service has undertaken during quarters one and two of 2010/11 financial year.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The information provided in this report is for member information only.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The statistics for taxi licensing and associated licensing enforcement activities for quarter one and two of 2010/11 are attached at Appendices 2, 3 and 4.
- 4.2 The information contained at Appendix 2 sets out the number of requests for service received by the Taxi Licensing Team and the number of licences issued during the period.
- 4.3 The information contained at Appendix 3 sets out the vehicle enforcement work carried out during the period. Using a risk-based approach, Enforcement Officers will often identify vehicles to inspect that appear to fall below the Council's standard for licensed vehicles. Therefore, it is important to recognize that these statistics do not indicate the general condition of the licensed fleet.
- 4.4 The information contained at Appendix 4 sets out the age of the vehicles that were inspected during each quarter.

- 4.5 The Chair of Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee has regular meetings with trade representatives. Vehicle safety and maintenance is reiterated to the attendees to help improve standards. In addition to this, drivers are regularly advised about safety measures they should take.
- 4.6 Enforcement Officers continue to take part in enforcement exercises with other agencies from time to time. These exercises are in addition to the usual enforcement work carried out.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

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

<b>Legal officer</b>	Olu Idowu
<b>Financial officer</b>	n/a
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	n/a
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	John Tomlinson
<b>Other(s)</b>	n/a

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications Appendix 2 - Licensing Statistics Appendix 3 - Vehicle Enforcement Statistics Appendix 4 – Age Information of Vehicles Inspected

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Legal**

- 2.1 None directly arising from this report.

**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.

**Carbon commitment**

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Value for money**

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 8.1 This links to the Corporate priorities that by 2020 Derby will be a city:
- where everyone feel safe and confident in their daily lives
  - of growth, opportunity and innovation, a thriving and attractive city for all.

## TAXI LICENSING QUARTERLY STATISTICS

QUARTER 2010/11	CUSTOMER VISITS	TEL CALLS RECEIVED	LICENCES ISSUED				
			HACKNEY VEHICLES	HACKNEY DRIVERS	OPERATORS	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES	PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS
<b>Q1</b> <b>Apr - Jun</b>	2247 (1993)	1287 (2169)	95 (90)	119 (116)	20 (21)	196 (218)	187 (178)
<b>Q2</b> <b>Jul - Sep</b>	2199 (2020)	1530 (1846)	83 (87)	88 (88)	18 (17)	187 (179)	224 (221)

( ) denote previous year 09/10

## VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS						
Quarter	Type	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Advisory Defects	Vehicle Referred for Inspection	Serious Defects (Suspension)
Q1 Apr - Jun	Hackney Carriages	57	7 (12%)	25 (44%)	12 (21%)	13 (23%)
Q1 Apr - Jun	Private Hire	112	25 (22%)	40 (36%)	18 (16%)	29 (26%)
Q2 Jul - Sep	Hackney Carriages	49	7 (14%)	24 (49%)	6 (12%)	12 (24%)
Q2 Jul - Sep	Private Hire	63	14 (22%)	19 (30%)	10 (16%)	20 (32%)

( ) denotes the percentage of vehicles inspected

VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS								
Quarter	Type	Number Suspended	Serious Defects Identified					
			Lights	Brakes	Steering	Tyres	Suspension	Other*
Q1 Apr - Jun	Hackney Carriages	13	0	12	11	1	6	39
Q1 Apr - Jun	Private Hire	29	4	3	4	19	0	36
Q2 Jul - Sep	Hackney Carriages	12	1	7	4	4	4	39
Q2 Jul - Sep	Private Hire	20	10	7	3	16	0	34

\*Other refers to any defect outside the items listed in the “5 point safety check” (lights, brakes, tyres, steering & suspension) carried out by the testing stations during a spot check which can render a vehicle, if not always unsafe, certainly unfit for public service and/or in serious breach of licence conditions.

## AGE INFORMATION OF VEHICLES INSPECTED

APRIL – SEPTEMBER								
Reg. No.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES				PRIVATE HIRE			
	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK
K			1		1			
L			1			1		
M		2	1	1				
N		1	1	1				2
P	3		5		2		1	
R	6	3	6	1	7	4	8	4
S	2	1	2		2		3	2
T	3		3	1	5	2	10	1
V	4	2	5	1	3	3	3	6
W		1	5	1	3	4	6	3
X	2	1	6		1		2	1
Y	2	1	2				1	1
51				1	4	1	1	1
02		1	3		5		1	1
52		1		1	7	3	4	3
03				1	1	1	3	1
53							4	1
04	1		1		4	1	4	3
54			2		2	3	2	2
05		1		1	1	2	3	3
55		1						1
06		1	2			1	1	2
56	1		2	2				
07	1					1		1
57			1			1	1	
08					1		1	
58								
09				1				
59								
10		1		1				
60								