



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
19 DECEMBER 2007

Report of the Interim Director of Environmental Services

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE GAINMANOR "SCOTCAB"
FIAT SCUDO TAXI AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE**

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the Gainmanor 'Scotcab' for use as a Hackney Carriage within the City of Derby.
- 1.2 To request the Interim Director of Environmental Services to amend the Council's specification for Hackney Carriages to include the Gainmanor 'Scotcab'.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The Taxi Licensing Section recently received a request from Gainmanor Ltd, a Fiat dealer in Wallsend, Newcastle, for the Council to approve their latest vehicle, the 'Scotcab', for use as a licensed Hackney Carriage in the Derby City area.
- 2.2 The vehicle has been examined by Licensing Officers and by an examiner at a specified testing station and has been found to meet all the specification requirements apart from 'turning circle' and overall length & width. The turning circle element can only be met by purpose built 'London-style' hackney carriages and this requirement has previously been waived by this Committee for other approved vehicles (such as the original (and 'New' Peugeot E7, the Peugeot Eurotaxi, Mercedes Eurocab and VW Unique cab).
- 2.3 The Gainmanor 'Scotcab' uses the Fiat Scudo bodyshell. This bodyshell is wheelchair accessible and essentially the same as that used by the 'New' Peugeot E7, which this Committee approved for use as a Hackney Carriage in July 2007.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None directly arising.

Corporate priorities

- 5.1 The approval of this vehicle as a Hackney Carriage will contribute to the priority of **giving excellent services and value for money.**