

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**29 June 2023**



Report sponsor: Samantha Dennis, Director of Communities

## **ITEM 06**

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### **Taxi Licensing Administration & Compliance Activities 2022/23**

#### **Purpose**

- 1.1 The report provides information on the activities the taxi licensing service has undertaken during the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

#### **Reasons**

- 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 compliance activities for 2022/23 are set out in the appendices attached to the report.
- 4.2 The information contained at Appendix 1 sets out the number of requests for service received by the Licensing Team and the number of licences processed during the period.
- 4.3 The information contained at Appendix 2 sets out the vehicle compliance work carried out during the period. Using a risk-based approach, Licensing Compliance & Enforcement Officers will often identify vehicles to inspect that appear to fall below the Council's standards for licensed vehicles. It is important therefore to understand that these statistics do not necessarily indicate the condition of all licensed vehicles.
- 4.4 The information contained at Appendix 3 sets out the knowledge test statistics for the period and other compliance / enforcement related exercises undertaken.
- 4.5 A breakdown of licensed vehicles by registration year is set out at Appendix 4.
- 4.6 A breakdown of the number of Derby Penalty Points issued during the period is set out at Appendix 5.

- 4.7 The number of reports presented to the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee and appeal statistics for the year is contained at Appendix 6.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 Not applicable.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

### **Other significant implications**

- 9.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of sign-off</b>
<b>Legal</b>	-	
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Service Director(s)</b>		
<b>Report sponsor</b>		
<b>Other(s)</b>	Samantha Dennis	09/06/2023
	Michael Kay	09/06/2023

<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Applications Processed and Service Requests
	Appendix 2 – Compliance Work
	Appendix 3 – Knowledge Test Statistics
	Appendix 4 – Vehicle Registration Breakdown
	Appendix 5 – Derby Penalty Point Statistics
	Appendix 6 – Sub-Committees and Appeal Statistics

## LICENSING YEARLY STATISTICS

## Appendix 1

	REQUESTS FOR SERVICE	APPLICATIONS PROCESSED										
		HACKNEY VEHICLES		HACKNEY DRIVERS		OPERATORS		PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES		PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS		VEHICLE TRANSFERS
		New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	
	245 (212)	30 (37)	152 (138)	2 (2)	112 (172)	23 (26)	8 (17)	248 (346)	560 (456)	24 (25)	315 (312)	18 (25)

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT LICENCES (as at 4 April 2023)	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	285 (318)
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	181 (183)
Private Hire Drivers	669 (731)
Private Hire Vehicles	788 (756)
Private Hire Operators	160 (181)

( ) denotes previous year's figures

## VEHICLE COMPLIANCE STATISTICS

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS					
Type	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Advisory Defects	Vehicle Referred for Inspection	Serious Defects (Suspension)
Hackney Carriages	45 (25)	2 (1)	12 (8)	4 (4)	27 (12)
Private Hire	64 (55)	5 (7)	30 (25)	9 (9)	20 (14)

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VEHICLE SUSPENSION BREAKDOWN							
Type	Number Suspended	Serious Defects Identified					
		Lights	Brakes	Steering	Tyres	Suspension	Other*
Hackney Carriages	27 (12)	14 (9)	14 (5)	9 (2)	5 (2)	1 (0)	26 (12)
Private Hire	20 (14)	8 (5)	2 (2)	0 (1)	0 (2)	1 (2)	19 (13)

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\*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.

\*Other serious defects can include:

- Meter seals missing/damaged/tampered with
- Meter calibration incorrect/overcharging
- Door wind check straps weak operation
- Misaligned doors
- Water ingress into passenger/luggage compartment
- Unable to access engine/boot compartments
- Loose/deteriorated engine drive belts
- Battery insecure
- Illuminated warning lights on instrument panel
- Dirty interior/exterior
- Broken/insecure seat bases/back
- Worn/defective seat belts
- Radiator coolant leak(s)
- Engine oil leak
- Exhaust system blowing/leaking
- Engine fuel leak(s)
- Engine misfires
- Excessive smoke emission from exhaust
- Missing trim exposing sharp edges
- Grab handles insecure
- Excessive bodywork corrosion
- Transmission faults/leak(s)
- Defective windscreen wipers/washers
- Loose/missing bodywork

## OTHER COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

## KNOWLEDGE TESTS

		<b>Delegates Booked</b>	<b>Failed to Attend</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>Pass Rate of those Attending %</b>
<b>No. of Sessions Offered</b>	12 (12)				
<b>Hackney Carriage</b>		0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
<b>Private Hire</b>		31 (18)	3 (2)	4 (3)	12.9 (18.8)

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## SAFEGUARDING COURSES

		<b>Hackney / Dual Drivers Attended</b>	<b>Private Hire Drivers Attended</b>	<b>Private Hire Operators Attended</b>	<b>New Applicants Attended</b>
<b>No. of Course Offered</b>	12 (5)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	4 (9)

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## TAXI ENFORCEMENT WORK

Two enforcement exercises in total were undertaken with Derbyshire Constabulary during the period. Both were undertaken during the day. 12 licensed vehicles were inspected. 4 vehicles were suspended, 1 of which was also served with a police prohibition notice.

**BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT LICENSED VEHICLES BY REGISTRATION YEAR**

Year of Registration	Hackney Carriage		Private Hire	
	As at 4 April 2023	As at 27 May 2022	As at 4 April 2023	As at 27 May 2022
1997	0	0	1	1
1998	1	2	2	2
1999	3	3	0	0
2000	8	10	2	2
2001	10	14	0	1
2002	10	10	2	5
2003	4	4	2	2
2004	6	10	5	6
2005	10	12	10	17
2006	29	27	32	38
2007	20	21	27	33
2008	10	11	41	44
2009	15	15	66	70
2010	10	8	69	69
2011	6	6	56	48
2012	4	4	63	64
2013	6	5	41	34
2014	1	1	63	59
2015	5	1	59	54
2016	2	0	73	66
2017	3	3	47	43
2018	2	1	48	47
2019	10	10	25	27
2020	0	0	5	6
2021	4	4	15	14
2022	1	1	23	3
2023	0	-	8	-
Unconfirmed (waiting to see V5)	1		3	1
Total	181	183	788	756

## DERBY PENALTY POINTS STATISTICS

## NOTICES ISSUED BY OFFICER

Type of Licence	Hackney Carriage Driver	Private Hire Driver
No. of Penalty Points		
1	4 (1)	9 (6)
2	3 (1)	2 (4)
3	23 (14)	15 (31)
4	1 (0)	0 (0)
5	0 (0)	1 (0)
6	2 (10)	3 (13)
7	0 (0)	0 (0)
8	0 (0)	0 (1)
9	0 (0)	0 (0)
10	0 (0)	0 (0)
11	0 (0)	1 (0)

No. of Licences Refused (New/Renewal)	0 (0)	2 (2)
No. of Licences Revoked	1 (1)	1 (2)

No. of Licences Suspended	0 (0)	1 (0)
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**TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE STATISTICS**

<b>Type of Case</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	
Complaint	0	No action	0
		Written Warning	0
		Refusal	1
		Revocation	0

**APPEALS**

<b>Completed Appeals Against Committee / Officer Decision held during the Year – Magistrates Court</b>	
Upheld	1
Not upheld	0
Compromise	1
Withdrawn by Applicant	0