

**Requests for Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI Taxi and the Ford Pro Cab to be Approved as Hackney Vehicles**

**SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Currently the vehicle types approved to be licensed as hackney carriages within Derby City are listed in the Council's Specifications for Hackney Vehicles.
- 1.2 Two requests have been recently received to approve vehicles as Hackney Carriages.
- 1.3 Both vehicles have been inspected by Licensing Enforcement Officers and meet most of the specifications for Hackney Carriages, apart from the overall width and length of the vehicles, which are greater than the existing Specifications. Also, the distance between the ground and the vehicle floor on both vehicles is greater than maximum stipulated in the Specifications. However, this is reduced by provision of a step as part of the conversion process in both cases.
- 1.4 Both vehicles have full European approval, are Euro 6 compliant and come with wheelchair requirements, roof sign and auto door locking.
- 1.5 The Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI (Vito Taxi) is available in the Derby City Council approved colour, AA Yellow.
- 1.6 The Ford Pro Cab is not available in the Derby City Council approved colour, and it will be the purchaser's responsibility to ensure it meets the Council colour requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI (Vito Taxi) as a vehicle type approved as a Hackney Carriage within Derby City.
- 2.2 To approve the Ford Pro Cab as a vehicle type approved as a Hackney Carriage within Derby City.
- 2.3 To amend the current Specifications for Hackney Carriage Vehicle to reflect the greater dimensions in width and length of the newer modern vehicles. The maximum width to be 2.05 m and the maximum length to be 5.00 m.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure consistency in the approval of Hackney Carriages within Derby City.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI (Vito Taxi)**

- 4.1 A request has been received from Mertrux Derby, 10 Chequers Road, Derby DE21 6EN for the Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI (Vito Taxi) to be approved as a hackney carriage.
- 4.2 The base vehicle is manufactured by Mercedes-Benz, and is converted by Penso City Vehicles Ltd, Woodhams Road, Coventry CV3 4FX.
- 4.3 The vehicle has been inspected by Licensing Enforcement Officers and meets most of the Specifications for Hackney Carriages apart from the overall width and length of the vehicle.
- 4.4 The vehicle has an overall width of 1.928m; the current specification for the width is 1.885m.
- 4.5 The vehicle has an overall length of 4.895m; the current specification for the length is 4.665m.
- 4.6 There are no foreseeable issues identified by the Licensing Enforcement Officers should this vehicle be approved as a hackney carriage within Derby City.
- 4.7 Associated documentation can be found at Appendix 2.

### **Ford Pro Cab**

- 4.8 A request has been received from Allied Vehicles Ltd (Cab Direct), Lomond Street, Glasgow, G22 6JJ for the Ford Pro Cab to be approved as a Hackney Carriage.
- 4.9 The base vehicle is a Ford Tourneo and converted by Allied Vehicles Ltd.
- 4.10 The vehicle has been inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officers and meets most of the Specifications apart from the overall width and length of the vehicle.
- 4.11 The vehicle has an overall width of 2.032m; the current specification for the width is 1.885m.
- 4.12 The vehicle has an overall length of 4.972m; the current specification for the length is 4.665m.

4.13 There are no foreseeable issues identified by the Licensing Enforcement Officers should this vehicle be approved as a hackney carriage within Derby City, subject to meeting the approved colour requirement.

4.14 Associated documentation can be found at Appendix 3.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None applicable

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

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b>	Olu Idowu n/a
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<b>Human Resources officer</b>	n/a
<b>Acting Director(s)</b>	Michael Kay
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<b>List of appendices:</b>	None
	Appendix 1 – Implications
	Appendix 2 – Associated Documentation Mercedes-Benz Vito 114 CDI
	Appendix 3 – Associated documentation Ford Pro Cab

## IMPLICATIONS

### **Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None directly arising.

### **Legal**

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

### **Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising.

### **IT**

- 4.1 None directly arising.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 The proposed changes will apply equally to all groups within the community and no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

### **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 As set out in the report.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None directly arising.

### **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None directly arising.

### **Risk Management and Safeguarding**

- 9.1 As set out in the report.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 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**.