



TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
30 August 2012

ITEM 5

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

TAXI LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES **2012/13 QUARTER 1**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report provides information on the activities the licensing service has undertaken during quarter1 of the 2012/13 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 of 2012/13 are attached at Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- 4.2 The information contained at Appendix 2 sets out the number of requests for service received by the 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, Licensing 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 all 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 information contained at Appendix 5 sets out other enforcement related exercises undertaken throughout the period.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Licensing Statistics Appendix 3 – Vehicle Enforcement Statistics Appendix 4 – Age Information of Vehicles Inspected Appendix 5 – Other Enforcement Exercises Undertaken

IMPLICATIONS

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 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**.

TAXI LICENSING QUARTERLY STATISTICS

QUARTER 2012/13	REQUESTS FOR SERVICE	LICENCES ISSUED				
		HACKNEY VEHICLES	HACKNEY DRIVERS	OPERATORS	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES	PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS
Q1 Apr - Jun	37 (81)	85 (84)	103 (115)	16 (16)	234 (207)	202 (185)

() denote previous year 11/12

VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS						
Quarter	Type	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Advisory Defects	Vehicle Referred for Inspection	Serious Defects (Suspension)
Q1 Apr - Jun	Hackney Carriages	44	2	22	3	15
Q1 Apr - Jun	Private Hire	51	11	19	7	14

VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS								
Quarter	Type	Number Suspended	Serious Defects Identified					
			Lights	Brakes	Steering	Tyres	Suspension	Other*
Q1 Apr - Jun	Hackney Carriages	15	3	3	5	4	3	11
Q1 Apr - Jun	Private Hire	14	2	0	4	6	1	8

*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 – JUNE								
Reg. No.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES				PRIVATE HIRE			
	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK
K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	2
S	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
T	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
V	2	0	1	0	3	1	1	0
W	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	1
X	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Y	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
51	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
02	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
52	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
03	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
53	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
04	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
54	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
05	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1
55	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
06	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
56	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0
07	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
57	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
08	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
58	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

1 x joint exercise with traffic police:

- 19 vehicles stopped
- 4 satisfactory
- 5 advice
- 1 further inspection
- 9 suspended; 7 prohibited by police

Plying for hire exercise:

- 1 pre-planned exercise; 0 drivers caught; 12 drivers approached

Other Enforcement:

- 55 drivers of private cars moved on from taxi ranks
- Complaint from hackney driver; 18 warning letters sent to all identified drivers regarding parking on hackney ranks / plying for hire. Information supplied used for intelligence purposes