



Derby City Council

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
19 February 2015

ITEM 9

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

Extension of Approved Testing Station Contract

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report informs Members of the Committee that the licensed vehicle approved testing station contract approved previously by the Committee on 18 April 2012 will be extended until 31 March 2016.

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 current contract for the taxi and private hire approved testing stations expires on 31 March 2015. The Taxi Licensing & Appeals Committee approved the current contract following a full tender process on 18 April 2012.
- 4.2 Contained within the contract was an option to extend it for a further twelve months until 31 March 2016.
- 4.3 Officers from the Licensing Team, together with colleagues in other teams, are undertaking an exercise to review the current process for approving garages and are investigating a number of options. These include the viability of providing the vehicle testing facility within the Council, making use of in-house resources and reducing the number of approved garages to address allegations of inconsistency and favoritism. Extending the contract will enable this exercise to continue.
- 4.4 All existing contract holders will be informed of the extension in writing by the Procurement Team.

- 4.5 The findings and proposals from the review of the current process for approving garages will be presented to a future Committee in due course.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Not to extend the contract and embark on a further tender contract process using the existing parameters and criteria set out in the current contract. This option would not allow Members the opportunity to review the current contract process and consider alternative options for delivering it.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Olu Idowu
Financial officer	James West
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	Michael Kay

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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The option to extend the existing contract for a further year is subject to certain criteria; that the service delivered by the approved 6 garages is satisfactory and that there is a business need for it. As taxi licensing fees and charges are set on a cost recovery basis these costs will be funded in full from the license fees set.

Legal

- 2.1 As set out in Paragraph 1.1 above.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

IT

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The proposals set out in this report will **deliver better outcomes for our communities, more efficient and effective services and improved value for money for our customers.**