



TAXI LICENSING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES - QUARTER 3 2012/13

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report provides information on the activities the licensing service has undertaken during quarter 3 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 three 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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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
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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
Q3 Oct - Dec	50 (55)	68 (66)	96 (104)	11 (15)	206 (193)	217 (221)

() denote previous year 11/12

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENCES CURRENTLY ISSUED (as at 7/1/13)	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	411
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	314
Private Hire Drivers	942
Private Hire Vehicles	850
Private Hire Operators	75

VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS						
Quarter	Type	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Advisory Defects	Vehicle Referred for Inspection	Serious Defects (Suspension)
Q3 Oct - Dec	Hackney Carriages	31 (59)	4 (9)	13 (24)	5 (11)	9 (15)
Q3 Oct - Dec	Private Hire	49 (61)	9 (5)	17 (26)	7 (11)	16 (19)

VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS								
Quarter	Type	Number Suspended	Serious Defects Identified					
			Lights	Brakes	Steering	Tyres	Suspension	Other*
Q3 Oct - Dec	Hackney Carriages	9 (15)	1 (2)	2 (3)	4 (1)	1 (2)	2 (4)	9 (11)
Q3 Oct - Dec	Private Hire	16 (19)	5 (4)	3 (2)	4 (4)	6 (1)	0 (5)	11 (14)

() denotes previous quarter figures

*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
- First aid kits missing/unserviceable condition
- Fire extinguisher missing/unserviceable condition
- 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)

- Broken/insecure seat bases/backs
- Worn/defective seat belts

- Defective windscreen wipers/washers
- Loose/missing bodywork

Appendix 4

AGE INFORMATION OF VEHICLES INSPECTED

JUL – SEPT								
Reg. No.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES				PRIVATE HIRE			
	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK	Suspended	Referred	Advised	OK
J	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
R	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
S	1	0	2	0	3	1	1	0
T	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
V	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	1
W	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
X	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Y	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0
51	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
02	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
52	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
03	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
53	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
04	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
54	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
05	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
56	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
07	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
57	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	0	0	0
62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix 5

OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

1 x joint exercise with traffic police:

- 18 vehicles stopped
- 4 satisfactory
- 5 advice
- 2 further inspection
- 7 suspended (5 x Private Hire & 2 Hackney Carriage)
- 5 of 7 prohibited by police
 - 4 x Private Hire Vehicles with the following defects; excessive black smoke emissions, track-rod end insecure in housing, both front brake flexi hoses split and seized power steering pump
 - 1 x Hackney Carriage Vehicle with the following defect; near-side rear seat frame broken & centre tip down seat frame broken

1 x plying-for-hire exercise:

25 x vehicles approached requesting un-booked job; 3 x drivers accepted the journey; 2 x sent for prosecution; 1 x driver still under investigation