



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 11 July 2007

Report of the Interim Director of Environmental Services

Request for approval of the Peugeot/Cab Direct 'New E7' as a Hackney Carriage

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the Cab Direct/Peugeot 'New E7' for use as a Hackney Carriage within the City of Derby.
- 1.2 To request the Interim Director of Environmental Services to amend the Council's specification for Hackney Carriages to include the Peugeot/Cab Direct New E7.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The Taxi Licensing Section recently received a request from Cab Direct, a division of Allied Vehicles Ltd, for the Council to approve their latest vehicle, the Peugeot 'New E7' for use as a licensed Hackney Carriage in the Derby City area.
- 2.2 The vehicle has been examined by Licensing Officers and by an examiner at a specified testing station and has been found to meet all the specification requirements apart from 'turning circle' and overall length & width. The turning circle element can only be met by purpose built 'London-style' hackney carriages and this requirement has previously been waived by this Committee for other approved vehicles (such as the original Peugeot E7, the Peugeot Eurotaxi, Mercedes Eurocab and VW Unique cab). Some of these approved vehicles are also longer than the traditional 'London-style' hackney carriages.
- 2.3 The 'New Peugeot E7' is the replacement for the original Peugeot E7 which was approved by the Council for licensing in September 2004. In turn, the original E7 replaced the Peugeot Eurotaxi; approved in November 2000. The original E7 incorporated all the improvements originally requested for the Eurotaxi by this authority prior to its approval, together with a number of additional features which benefit the driver and customer. In comparison to the previous models, the 'New E7' boasts improved safety features, together with significantly increased luggage capacity and fuel economy.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None

Legal

2.1 None

Personnel

3.1 None

Equalities impact

4.1 None

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5.1 The approval of this vehicle as a Hackney Carriage will contribute to the priority of **delivering excellent services, performance and value for money.**