



TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
18 October 2006

DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE
(JUBILEE EUROCAB SX)**

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the Jubilee Eurocab SX for use as a Hackney Carriage within the City of Derby, subject to the satisfactory completion of minor amendments to the design.
- 1.2 To request the Director of Corporate Services to amend the Council's specification for Hackney Carriages to include the Eurocab SX.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The Taxi Licensing Section recently received a request from Jubilee Automotive Group, the Birmingham based taxi retailer, for the Council to approve one of their vehicles, the Eurocab SX, for use as a licensed Hackney Carriage in the Derby city area.
- 2.2 The vehicle has been examined by Licensing Officers and has been found to meet all the specification requirements apart from 'turning circle'. 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 (i.e. the Peugeot Eurotaxi, Mercedes Eurocab, VW Unique Cab, Peugeot E7 and CMAC TW200).
- 2.3 The Eurocab SX is based on the Fiat Scudo bodyshell. It is very similar to the Peugeot Eurotaxi that was approved by this Committee in November 2000 and its replacement, the Peugeot E7 that was approved in September 2004. The Eurocab SX incorporates 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.

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Background papers:

None

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None

Legal

2. None

Personnel

3. None

Equalities impact

4. None

Corporate Priorities

5. The proposal supports the council's priority of delivering excellent services, performance and value for money.