



**MEETING TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS
COMMITTEE**

21 February 2013

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

ITEM 6

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MERCEDES-BENZ T1 VITO V6 120 CDI (NOW RENAMED AS V6 122 CDI) AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Currently there are 8 vehicle types approved to be licensed as hackney carriages within Derby City.
- 1.2 A request has been received by a current licensed driver for a MERCEDES-BENZ T1 VITO V6 122 CDI (now renamed as V6 122 CDI) to be approved as a Hackney Carriage.
- 1.3 The vehicle has been inspected by Licensing Enforcement Officers and meets all the specifications for Hackney Carriages apart from the overall length of the vehicle and the colour, which is black.
- 1.4 In addition the illuminated roof/taxi top sign is 'free standing' rather than integrated within the body of the vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the MERCEDES-BENZ T1 VITO V6 122 CDI (now renamed as V6 122 CDI) as a vehicle type approved as a Hackney Carriage within Derby City.
- 2.2 To exempt the vehicle from the vehicle length dimension section of the specification.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure consistency in the approval of Hackney Carriages within Derby City.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Currently there are 8 vehicle types approved to be licensed as hackney carriages within Derby City.

- 4.2 A request has been received by a current licensed driver for the MERCEDES-BENZ T1 VITO V6 122 CDI (now renamed as V6 122 CDI) to be approved as a Hackney Carriage.
- 4.3 The base vehicle is manufactured by Daimler Chrysler and the latest build stage is that of Jubilee Automotive Group Ltd.
- 4.4 The vehicle has been inspected by Licensing Enforcement Officers and meets all the specifications for Hackney Carriages apart from the overall length of the vehicle and the colour.
- 4.5 The current specification for the length of Hackney Vehicles is 4.665m.
- 4.6 The vehicle has an overall length of 4.993m (0.328m longer).
- 4.7 The licensed driver has agreed to ensure that the illuminated roof/taxi top sign is integrated within the body of the vehicle and ensure the vehicle is the required colour (yellow). This must be done before it can be licensed.
- 4.8 There are no foreseeable issues identified by the Licensing Enforcement Officers should this vehicle be approved as a Hackney Carriage within Derby City.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Olu Idowu
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	John Tomlinson
Other(s)	n/a

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

2.1 As the licensing authority, the Council is obliged to ensure that its licensing policies and related terms and conditions effectively safeguard the public interest.

Personnel

3.1 None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

4.1 The proposed changes will apply equally to all groups within the community and no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

5.1 As set out in the report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None directly arising.

Asset Management

7.1 None directly arising.

Risk Management

8.1 As set out in the report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 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.