



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
1 JUNE 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

UPDATE ON SPECIFIED TESTING STATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Testing of licensed hackney carriages and private hire vehicles is undertaken by Specified Testing Stations approved by this Committee. One of these testing stations, Arriva, has now withdrawn from the contract, leaving only two testing stations on the approved list.
- 2.2 The impact of this action has not been evaluated since testing at Arriva only ceased on 30 April 2005. However, since Arriva undertook only a small percentage of the routine testing, it is anticipated that the impact upon the taxi trade will be very limited.
- 2.3 A third testing station is due to come 'on-line' shortly, subject to the resolution of some outstanding health & safety issues at the premises.

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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. Although there will be a more limited choice of testing stations in the short term, this will be addressed when the new facility comes into use.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. Hackney carriage and private hire vehicle testing contributes to the Council's objective of **protecting and supporting people**.