



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 21 April 2010

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

TAXI LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES 2009/10 QUARTER 3 AND 4

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The statistics for taxi licensing and associated licensing enforcement activities for quarter three and four of 2009/10 are attached at Appendices 2, 3 and 4.
- 2.2 The information contained at Appendix 2 sets out the number of requests for service received by the Taxi Licensing Team and the number of licences issued during the period.
- 2.3 The information contained at Appendix 3 sets out the vehicle enforcement work carried out during the period. Using a risk-based approach, 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 recognise that these statistics do not indicate the general condition of the licensed fleet.
- 2.4 The information contained at Appendix 4 sets out the age of the vehicles that were inspected during each quarter.
- 2.5 The Chair of Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee holds regular meetings with the trade representatives. Vehicle safety and maintenance is reiterated to the attendees to help improve standards. In addition to this, drivers are regularly advised about safety measures they should take.
- 2.6 Enforcement Officers continue to take part in enforcement exercises with other agencies from time to time. These exercises are in addition to the usual enforcement work carried out.

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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

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising from this report.

Legal

2. None directly arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None directly arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The information contained in this report contributes to the corporate priority of **giving excellent services and value for money.**

TAXI LICENSING QUARTERLY STATISTICS

QUARTER 2009/10	CUSTOMER VISITS	TEL CALLS RECEIVED	LICENCES ISSUED				
			HACKNEY VEHICLES	HACKNEY DRIVERS	OPERATORS	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES	PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS
Q3 Oct – Dec	1975 (1783)	1721 (2095)	69 (71)	107 (107)	12 (17)	183 (198)	219 (215)
Q4 Jan - Mar	2356 (2152)	1701 (2377)	76 (91)	90 (92)	20 (18)	215 (181)	212 (238)

() denote previous year 08/09

APPENDIX 3

VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS						
Quarter	Type	Number Inspected	Satisfactory	Advisory Defects	Vehicle Referred for Inspection	Serious Defects (Suspension)
Q3 Oct - Dec	Hackney Carriages	46	11 (24)	16 (35)	4 (9)	15 (33)
Q3 Oct - Dec	Private Hire	54	11 (20)	15 (28)	5 (9)	23 (43)
Q4 Jan - Mar	Hackney Carriages	99	30 (30)	22 (22)	11 (11)	36 (36)
Q4 Jan - Mar	Private Hire	176	48 (27)	58 (33)	17 (10)	53 (30)

() denotes the percentage of vehicles inspected

VEHICLE SUSPENSIONS								
Quarter	Type	Number Suspended	Serious Defects Identified					
			Lights	Brakes	Steering	Tyres	Suspension	Other*
Q3 Oct - Dec	Hackney Carriages	15	3	3	6	5	2	9
Q3 Oct - Dec	Private Hire	23	2	4	3	13	3	15
Q4 Jan - Mar	Hackney Carriages	36	2	15	12	4	16	20
Q4 Jan - Mar	Private Hire	53	11	7	11	26	2	33

*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.

