



Report of the: Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

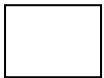
To the: Licensing and Regulatory Panel

Date: 6th November 2007

Subject: QUARTERLY REPORT (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2007) OF THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SECTION

Electoral Wards Affected:

All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the licensing activity of the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section and the issues dealt with under delegated powers.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 To provide information to Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Panel about licensing transactions undertaken by the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section. This report indicates licences that have been granted under Officers delegated powers in line with the Council's Constitution and the terms of Reference of the Panel.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Members will recall that a number of different licenses are dealt with by the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section in Legal and Democratic Services. Officers have delegated powers to make decision on licence applications and the suspension and revocation of licenses which, on appeal, are heard by the Magistrates Courts.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Delegated Decisions

A breakdown of licensing transactions is attached at Appendix A.

Attached at Appendix B are changes or alterations to existing Conditions which have been made since the last report of this nature.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 None

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 That matters have been appropriately administered within the terms of the Constitution.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 That Members note the report.

APPENDIX A

**TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING
LICENSING INFORMATION JULY - SEPTEMBER 2007**

	TOTAL CURRENTLY LICENSED	LICENCES RENEWED	NEW LICENCE ISSUED	TRANSFERS	REFUSED	SUSPENDED	REVOKED	PROSECUTIONS
Hackney Carriage Driver	1139	297	18		1	6	1	
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	533	135	38	14		24		
Private Hire Driver	4744	1005	193		13	37	7	24
Private Hire Vehicle	3772	759	652	237		263	6	
Permit Vehicle	152	45	8					
Permit Driver	974	173	27					

APPENDIX B

DELEGATED DECISION NOTIFICATION

REF NO ¹

DEPARTMENT	Legal, Licensing & Registration
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SUBJECT ²	New Peugeot E7S - approval for inclusion on the Council's list of 'Approved Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles'
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DECISION ³	COUNCIL FUNCTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (KEY) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (MAJOR) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (OTHER) <input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN

Allied Vehicles/ Cab Direct of Glasgow, vehicle manufacturers, has applied for the New Peugeot E7S wheelchair accessible vehicle to be included on the Council's 'Approved List' of wheelchair accessible vehicles. There are Hackney Carriage wheelchair accessible vehicle Conditions approved by the Licensing and Regulatory Panel which set out all the relevant technical detail that such vehicles have to comply with. This particular Peugeot carries all the relevant European approval documentation and meets most of the Council Conditions. There are 3 accessibility issues which are non compliant :-1- Nearside detachable ramp is 15 mm short in width; 2 - the vertical distance between the side step surface and vehicle floor exceeds the maximum distance by 50mm; 3 – the nearside step usable surface is 20 mm short of the required width. All three areas received particular scrutiny from the Access Committee. No adverse comment was made on areas 2 & 3 and it was noted in respect of area 1 the ramp took the widest wheelchair available to the testing group without difficulty. An exception to the policy is made in respect of all three areas which do not diminish accessibility for wheelchair users or present undue slip or trip hazard to people with mobility impairments.

In reaching this decision particular note was taken of the accessibility benefits highlighted by wheelchair users during consultation.

AFFECTED WARDS	All
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ADVICE SOUGHT	Yes	NO
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equal Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VOSA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ This reference number will be assigned by Governance Services and notified to you

² A brief heading should be inserted

³ Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding upon the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or commercially sensitive information. Guidance on the substance of the note is available from Governance Services

⁴ For Key and Major decisions only. If exempt from Call In details to be provided in the report. The Call In period expires at 5.00 pm on the 5th working day after publication. Scrutiny Support will notify decision makers of matters called in by no later than 12.00 noon on the 6th day.

DECLARED OFFICER / MEMBER INTERESTS⁵ None

DISPENSATION BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE DATE: ...N/A.....

BACKGROUND PAPERS⁶ Copies of the extensive papers are held in secure files at taxi and Private Hire Licensing. Some of the documentations is trade sensitive. The 'Type Approval' certification is disclosable.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT YES NO RULE NO 10.4⁷ ()

	Yes	No	Date
Executive Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ward Councillors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Chief Officers Affected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Others (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Taxi Associations			12.07.07
Access Committee of Leeds			12.07.07

CONTACT PERSON Des Broster – Section Head CONTACT NO 2143376

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY⁸ D. P. Broster DATE 1.8.07

	KEY	MAJOR	OTHER
⁹ *First publication (5 day notice)			
In Commencement for Call			
Last date for Call In			
Implementation Date			

* If key decision not on Forward Plan, the reason and need that the decision be taken are that:

⁵ No officer having a pecuniary interest in any matter should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here.

⁶ A separate Index should be prepared if necessary. ALL DOCUMENTATION UPON WHICH THE DECISION WAS BASED MUST BE RETAINED AND BE READILY ACCESSIBLE SO IT CAN BE PRODUCED SHOULD THE DECISION BE CHALLENGED

⁷ Access to Information Procedure Rules

⁸ The signatory must be duly authorised by the Director to make the decision in accordance with the Department's scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for an authorised signatory. For Key Decisions only, the date of the authorised signature signifies that, at the time, the Officer was content that the decision should be taken. However, should representations be received following public availability of reports the signatory will consider the effect which such representations should have upon the final decision.

⁹ Governance Services will enter these dates