

## TABLE OF MAJOR CHANGES RELATING TO PROPOSED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE POLICY AND SPECIFICATION – APPENDIX 2

Section	Proposed Condition	Existing Condition	Justification for proposal
<b>POLICY DOCUMENT</b>			
2.1	All vehicles shall have an appropriate “Type Approval” which is either a European Whole Vehicle Type Approval (EWVTA) or UK Low Volume Type Approval (UKLVTA)	Any Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (S.M.M.T) designated 4 and 5 door lower medium estate or upper medium/large saloon or estate car, MPV, SUV, minibus and the like or suitable mechanical and bodily condition.	Department for Transport recommend Local Authorities accept all “type approval” vehicles . In addition it is important that that all passengers with disabilities have access to all types of vehicles.
2.5	To apply for a new vehicle licence, the applicant must be able to supply a suitable vehicle and provide proof that the applicant can finance and maintain the vehicle. The applicant must also provide a statement, including documentary evidence, as to why they believe there is a demand for another Private Hire vehicle in the County	N/A	To allow Officers to be confident that the vehicle will be in a safe condition at all times ie production of a projected maintenance plan.
4.2	All vehicles licensed under a new application must be a maximum of 5 years old and, if compliant with the requirements for licence, shall therefore be granted a vehicle licence until the age of 12 years, whereupon the vehicle must be replaced with one of a maximum age of 5 years. This also applies to any vehicle that is transferred/replaced or that have been involved in a road traffic collision.	All vehicles must be under 5 years old from the date of first registration, and on subsequent licence be in exceptionally good mechanical and bodily, interior and exterior condition.	
4.3	All existing licensed vehicles will have “grandfather rights” for 5 years after the implementation of this policy, by which time all existing licensed vehicles must be able to comply with 4.2 above eg all vehicles aged 12 years or over must have been replaced with one of a maximum age of 5 years. This will only be relevant to vehicles that have had a	N/A	

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	continuous licence. Vehicles that are not renewed before the expiry date of the existing licence will be treated as a new vehicle and 4.2 above will apply		
5.6	Vehicles that are presented for their MOT and Compliance in a condition that would result in a failure, will be subject to a re-test fee, to be determined by the Designated Testing Station	N/A	It is evident that some vehicles that are presented for MOT and compliance, are using the testing regime as a form of pre-test and any identified failures are then rectified and the vehicle is re-presented for a further test , at no extra cost, once all the works identified have been carried out. Vehicles should be compliant at all times therefore presented in a condition fit for passing the MOT and compliance.
14.1	Vehicles are prohibited to tow a trailer	N/A	Potential for increase accidents. Vehicles should have adequate luggage space within the vehicle for any eventuality.
15.1	A licence will be suspended if, upon reporting an accident to a vehicle, the Council is of the opinion that the damage caused materially effects the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of passengers carried therein	N/A	Protection of the travelling public and professional image.
<b>SPECIFICATION AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE</b>			
1.1	All vehicles shall have an appropriate “Type Approval” which is either a European Whole Vehicle Type Approval (EWVTA) or UK Low Volume Type Approval (UKLVTA)	Any Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders designated 4 or 5 door lower medium estate, or upper medium/large salon or estate car, MPV, SUV, minibus or the like.	Department for Transport recommend Local Authorities accept all “type approval”. In addition it is important that all passengers with disabilities have access to all types of vehicles
11	<b>MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLE</b>  The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire, be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition* and all relevant statutory requirements (including	N/A	Vehicle maintenance is a crucial part of running a licensed vehicle. Without a robust maintenance regime, the operator is potentially putting passengers and other road

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	<p>in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations shall be fully complied with.</p> <p>*Clean condition is defined as follows:          “All body panels to be of uniform colour and finish throughout, unless otherwise authorised by the Council in writing, and to be washed and polished to a high standard. Windows to be clear and smear free inside and out. Carpets and seating to be vacuumed and to be without cuts, tears or staining”</p> <p>Every licensed vehicle must be maintained in a safe and clean condition at all times and is subject to such examinations as are required by the Council.</p> <p>Seats must be fully sprung, free of stains, tears, cigarette burns or repair and not threadbare. Floor coverings must not be unduly worn and present no trip hazards. Household carpeting or similar is unacceptable and must not be used. Upholstery (headlining and side panel coverings) must be free of ingrained grime, factures and maintained in the manufacturers original style.</p> <p>Without prejudice to the obligations imposed by 12.1 to 12.3 above and without prejudice to any other inspections as stipulated by the vehicle manufacturer, the proprietor of the licensed vehicle shall ensure that <b>as a minimum</b> the compliance of routine maintenance inspections must be adhered to, and such inspections shall be recorded and retained (for a minimum of 18 months) and kept available for immediate production to an Authorised Officer of the Council or Police Officer on request.</p> <p>Please note that the requirement to inspect the licensed vehicle as imposed by the above condition does not release the proprietor of the vehicle for his obligations to carry out further daily inspections to ensure compliance with the above conditions.</p>		<p>users/pedestrians at risk.</p> <p>Having a routine maintenance plan should assist licence holders as a well maintained vehicle will reduce big repair bills and in turn keeping licensed vehicles on the road for licence holders to earn a living.</p>
25	<p>The vehicle should not carry children in pushchairs; the pushchair should be folded up and stored. If the vehicle does not have the correct child restraint then the child should be placed on the rear seat only.</p>	N/A	<p>It has been noted, some licensed vehicles allow children to be left in their pushchairs whilst travelling in a licensed vehicle. In</p>

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	Children under 3 years old may travel unrestrained. Children aged 3 years old or over must use an adult seat belt as in accordance with Road Traffic Act (further details can be found at <a href="http://www.dft.gov.uk/think/focusarea/children/childincar">www.dft.gov.uk/think/focusarea/children/childincar</a> )		the unfortunate case where a vehicle is involved in a road traffic collision or even if a vehicle has to break suddenly, a pushchair and the child can potentially causing serious harm/death to any passengers, other road users and obviously to the child. All road users transporting children have to comply with the Road Traffic Act
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