

Committee: Licensing Committee

Agenda Item

Date: 19th January 2011

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Title: Amendment to Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report is to inform members of a proposal which has been submitted to amend the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions in respect of roof lights.

Recommendations

2. The Committee determine whether or not to amend the current conditions

Financial Implications

3. *None*:

Background Papers

4. Minutes of the UTDA Meeting held on 16th November 2010.
5. Copy of the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The matter was discussed at the UTDA Meeting held on 16 th November 2010 and a copy of the minutes have been circulated to Hackney Carriage proprietors
Community Safety	Will improve vehicle identification of bona fide licensed vehicles for passengers especially when travelling during the hours of darkness
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal	The Licensing Authority may prescribe conditions in accordance with The Local

Implications	Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. On the 16th November 2010 a meeting of the UTDA took place whereby a Hackney Carriage Proprietor sought permission to amend the current conditions in respect of roof lights on Hackney Carriage Vehicles. The proposal that is being sought is to allow the name of the company to be displayed on the rear of the roof light only.
8. This has the support of ULODA, British Transport Police and other Hackney Carriage proprietors. The amendment if approved would improve public safety especially during the hours of darkness in respect of vehicle identification and confirm to the customer that it is a bona fide licensed vehicle and the one which the customer may have pre-booked.
9. If the amendment were to succeed then the author of this report will advise all approved garages in the District of this change.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Not all Hackney Carriage Proprietor's would change their roof sign	2 Could have two types of roof signs in the District	1 Would improve passenger identification of a licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle especially during the hours of darkness however not all proprietor's would take advantage of this change.	Conditions regarding roof signs would still remain

- 1 = Little or no risk or impact
- 2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.
- 3 = Significant risk or impact – action required
- 4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.