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APPENDIX D

LICENSING STANDARDS – PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

- 1 To be less than 12 years old or (in the case of wheelchair accessible vehicles or vehicles used for school contracts only) less than 20 years old.
- 2 To be safe comfortable and suitable in type size and design for use as a private hire vehicle.
- 3 To be:-
 - a. a standard right-hand drive car or minibus type vehicle with a minimum of 4 doors,
 - b. a wheelchair accessible vehicle with a minimum of 3 doors,
 - c. an extended wheelbase vehicle modified by the manufacturer or by a specialist converter approved by the manufacturer
 - d. a Smart Car.
- 4 To have a rear internal body width of at least 4 foot 3 inches measured from 6 inches below the top of and 6 inches in front of the rear back rest with both rear doors closed.
- 5 To have at least 8½ inches leg room for rear passengers measured from the rear door pillar to the nearest point of the rear seat squab.
- 6 To have all doors capable of being opened from both the inside and outside of the vehicle to an angle of at least 60° or in the case of sliding doors to be capable of providing an open unrestricted minimum width of 2 feet 10 inches.
- 7 To be fitted exclusively with safety glass.
- 8 In the case of estate cars or hatch-back cars to be fitted with a guard rail or other device approved by the council to separate the rear luggage area from the passengers.
- 9 To be fitted with suitable tyres of the same type and size.
- 10 To carry a suitable spare wheel or manufacturer's approved temporary repair kit or to be fitted with run flat tyres.
- 11 To be fitted with an internal rear-view mirror.

12 To be fitted on both sides with external rear-view mirrors.