

Approved Recommendations arising from Taxi Licensing Scrutiny Review

- i. Not to introduce deregulation. Future increases in the number of taxi licenses to be subject to the findings from future unmet demand surveys and the forthcoming quota to be set by the Government for wheelchair accessible vehicles. Outside of this, in an effort to introduce/increase the number of environmentally friendly vehicles into the city's taxi fleet, two additional licences to be made available to applicants with a hybrid or electric vehicle every 6 months. These to be over and above any additional licences issued as a result of future unmet demand surveys.
- ii. CYC Planning Dept to encourage the siting of new/additional taxi ranks adjacent to major new developments e.g. outside the new stadium or near the new council offices or major retail centres / supermarkets. (*Officer Delegated Decision*)
- iii. CYC to produce a map showing York's taxi ranks indicating times of use and incorporated into other local maps, to raise public awareness of little-used ranks in the city centre. Map to be made available on CYC website and hard copies to be provided to relevant external parties e.g. Visit York. (*Officer Delegated Decision*)
- iv. For a 12 month trial period, the rank at Duncombe Place to be made available for use on a full time basis. (*Officer Delegated Decision*)
- v. To reduce the emissions from hackneys and PHVs, the following European standards only to be accepted for replacement vehicles, as from 1 June 2012 for hackneys and 1 November 2012 for PHVs.
 - For petrol cars – Euro 4 petrol vehicle class
 - For diesel cars – Euro 5 diesel vehicle class
- vi. The number of low emission vehicles and to meet the forthcoming quota to be set by the government for wheelchair accessible vehicles, a hierarchy should be applied to issuing new licences in priority order as follows:
 - those applicants providing an electric car
 - those applicants providing a hybrid car or euro 3 standard gas fuelled car
 - those applicants providing a wheelchair accessible diesel car
 - those applicants providing a petrol car

- vii. No additional hackney carriage vehicle licences will be issued to 'non wheelchair accessible' diesel cars.
- viii. Where there are a number of applicants with cars of the same type (i.e. types shown above) the order they are issued plates should be based on the length of time they have been on the waiting list in line with the council's current policy.
- ix. CYC Taxi Licensing Unit to monitor emissions and the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles in York's taxi fleet (Hackneys and PHVs) by revising their annual inspection regime to ensure the gathering and recording of the relevant information, within the new Licensing Unit computer system (once its commissioned)
- x. Introduce as soon as is practicable, a requirement for new taxi drivers to undertake an Eco-driving course prior to the issue of a taxi licence.
- xi. Support for the council's current policy in regard to livery of the city's taxi fleet, but in the light of the court judgement, it be made advisory.
- xii. Subject to the adequate progression with new technologies making the application practical and the introduction of vehicle charging points as shown in the implementation plan at Annex D of the final report, introduce a zero tail pipe emissions policy similar to the Mayor's plan for London for hackneys and PHVs by 2021.
- xiii. The council to be sympathetic towards the introduction of taxi buses for use in rural areas and work with possible future providers to investigate how such services may be introduced.
- xiv. In regard to taximeters, the policy to include a new specification - 'the taximeter must comply with the Measuring Instruments (Taximeter) Regulations 2006 and must be of the calendar control type which is locked and sealed by an approved manufacturer/supplier and/or installer' The application of any GPS system must provide a comparable level of security for the customer.
- xv. The new specification to initially apply to new vehicle applications only and subsequently will apply to all existing vehicles, both hackney and private hire (where fitted) with effect from 1 April 2015.
- xvi. The council to continue to assist in raising all drivers' awareness of the training programme currently offered by Visit York. (*Officer Delegated Decision*)