

Implementation Update on Approved Recommendations Arising from Taxi Licensing Review

Approved Recommendation	Update as of May 2014	Update as of Jan 2015
<p>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.</p>	<p>To date the government has not set a quota for wheelchair accessible vehicles. Committee agreed that no new licences would be issued until an unmet demand survey is carried out in 2014. That survey is currently been carried out and a report is expected in 2 – 3 months.</p>	<p>An unmet demand study has been carried out, a report was taken to Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee on 20th October with the finding. Committee decided that no new hackney carriage vehicle licences will be issued.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Planning has been made aware of this recommendation.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ For petrol cars – Euro 4 petrol vehicle class ➢ For diesel cars – Euro 5 diesel vehicle class 	<p>Not implemented awaiting unmet demand survey.</p>	<p>Not implemented by Committee.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Not implemented awaiting unmet demand survey.</p>	<p>Not implemented by Committee.</p>

<p>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 		
<p>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.</p>	<p>Not implemented awaiting unmet demand survey.</p>	<p>Not implemented by Committee.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Will be in place once the new computer system is in place, due to be in place by August 2014.</p>	<p>This will be in place for renewal of vehicle in 2015.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Not yet in place. Will be a proposal taken to committee when unmet demand survey is done.</p>	<p>Will be considered in future as part of the taxi licensing policy as a full consultation with the trade will have to take place.</p>
<p>xiii. The council 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.</p>	<p>This would have to be done at the request and in conjunction with the council's transport team.</p>	

<p>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.</p>	<p>Will be taken to committee following the unmet demand survey.</p>	<p>Will be considered in future as part of the taxi licensing policy as a full consultation with the trade will have to take place.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Will be taken to committee following unmet demand survey.</p>	<p>Will be considered in future as part of the taxi licensing policy as a full consultation with the trade will have to take place.</p>
<p><u>June 2014</u> Members agreed recommendations iii, iv, vii, xi, xii, & xvi had been fully implemented and signed them off. They requested a further update in 6 months times on the remaining recommendations.</p> <p><u>Jan 2015</u></p>		