

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
31ST MARCH 2014

Submitted by: **Head of Business Improvement and Partnerships**

Purpose

To provide information concerning the age profile of the Hackney Carriage Fleet.

Recommendation

That as from the 1st January 2015 all Hackney Carriage vehicles that are saloon cars shall cease to be relicenced when they are 8 years old.

1. **Background**

1.1 Members will recall at their last meeting held on 3rd February 2014, considering a proposal to amend the Council's policy for the age of saloon-type Hackney Carriage Vehicles. A copy of the report is attached at appendix 3

Before making a decision on the recommendation from the previous report on saloon Hackney Carriages, the Committee felt it necessary to have information about the current age profile of those saloon-type Hackney Carriages and how many vehicles would be affected in the first year following the proposed date of implementation.

The Council's records have been checked and reveal the following:

Vehicles registered in 2013	-	0
Vehicles registered in 2012	-	3
Vehicles registered in 2011	-	0
Vehicles registered in 2010	-	12
Vehicles registered in 2009	-	25
Vehicles registered in 2008	-	43
Vehicles registered in 2007	-	7
Vehicles registered in 2006	-	4
Vehicles registered in 2005	-	5
Vehicles registered in 2004	-	7
Vehicles registered in 2003	-	2

2. **Issues**

2.1 Should the proposal be adopted, the number of vehicles affected in the first year will be 25.

3. **Options**

The Committee can:

- (i) Adopt the proposal.
- (ii) Amend the proposal.
- (iii) Reject the proposal.

4. **Recommendation**

That as from 1 January 2015 all hackney carriage vehicles that are saloon cars will cease to be relicensed when they are 8 years of age.

5. Reasons for Preferred Option

To continue the review of the Council's policies and procedures and to ensure the continued safety and comfort of the public using this type of transport, and to achieve parity with Private Hire Vehicles which presently have the same age policy as the proposal.

6. Crime and Disorder

Reducing the incidence of crime to vulnerable groups and reducing the fear of crime.

7. Human Rights

Article 6(1) guarantees an applicant a fair hearing.
Article 14 guarantees no discrimination.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

No issues have been identified.

9. Major Risks

None.

10. Key Decision Information

11. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions