

## Newcastle under Lyme and Kidsgrove Hackney Carriage Taxi Association

### Trades proposal for over 8 year old vehicles Testing and Safety

The Newcastle and kidsgrove Taxi Association considers this proposal to be simple, efficient and fit for purpose for over 8 year Vehicles to satisfy the additional Public Safety requirements.

An 8 year old vehicle would be subject to 3 tests over the 12 month period. I.e., A VOSA Test up to 4 weeks prior to the set Council Test date (pass document presented to Council). This could from the outset ensure the vehicle would go forward to meet the criteria of the Council Test in a fit and proper condition. Furthermore another VOSA MOT Test to be conducted 6 months after the Council Yard Test (pass document presented to Council).

The VOSA Test could be carried out at any bonafide garage as standard, but if the Council required a specific independent garage participation, then the Taxi Association have Nominated two local VOSA MOT garages, which are prepared to join.

This burden of an extra and a significant cost of additional tests will be met by the Vehicle Proprietors at unfortunately difficult financial times.

The Taxi Association considers Public Safety as paramount and the proposed scheme, subject to Councils approval, will ensure exceptionally higher standard of a Safe Vehicle for the traveling public.

For and on behalf of Newcastle Under Lyme & Kidsgrove Taxi Association



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