

- (a) Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers' Association;
- (b) Mr. T. Owen of Holland, Regency and Albany Taxis, Kidderminster;
- (c) Mr. D. McCawley, Stourport Taxis;
- (d) Mr. V. Price, Taxi Proprietor;
- (e) Mr. G. Bianco, Mr. G. Sorocco, P. & P. Central Taxis, Kidderminster;
and
- (f) Mr. M. Young, Magnum Travel, Kidderminster.

Replies were received from Wyre Forest Drivers' Association (which included Mr. V. Price's views) and Magnum Travel. The respective Taxi Trade views were included in the report.

RESOLVED that

- (i) this Authority continue to test all its licensed vehicles, irrespective of age, on three separate occasions during any period of twelve months. This would be in addition to the requirement of an MOT Certificate which the proprietor pays for at his/her garage. Tests continue to be conducted in (when Licence fee is paid) October and February in a twelve month period;
- (ii) this Authority continue to issue drivers' licences on a two year fixed date period;
- (iii) the proposal to reduce drivers' licence fees with an appropriate increase to vehicle licence fees be not adopted;
- (iv) the current policy of the Council be continued in that all new applicants for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licence also drivers failing to renew their licences within seven days of the requisite date, and in other cases of an appropriate nature, have to take and successfully pass a Knowledge Test; and
- (v) the Council's current policy regarding age limits on its Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles be retained as:-

the age limits are:-

- (a) only vehicles under the age of four years can be licensed for the first time; and
- (b) seven years for the renewal of a Licence. However a vehicle would cease to be licensed after seven years from the date of first registration.

Exceptions to the age limit were, London-styled taxis (black cab type), mini buses and Volvo 940 vehicles.

CM.194 EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

CM.195 SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following item was considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the Minute relating to this item has been made as "Exempt Information" would be disclosed if the Minutes were published in full.

Incident Involving a Taxi Driver

The Committee received and noted an oral report from the Taxi Licensing Officer regarding an incident that had taken place over the preceding weekend.

CHAIRMAN



The meeting ended at 11.36 a.m.

APPENDIX 2

Mr T J Owen
Regency Vehicle Hire
5 Comberton Terrace
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
DY10 1QP

Licensing Officer
tel: 01562 732595
fax: 01562 732556
email: john.bulmer@wyreforestdc.gov.uk
my ref: JB/PAB
your ref:
date: 4 March 2009

Dear Sir

**Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle Licence renewal
Regency Vehicle Hire, 5, Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 1QP**

I write in advance of the forthcoming Vehicle Licence, Application for Grant or Renewal of Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle.

As you are aware, renewal of Hackney Carriage vehicle licence should be duly made in order that the licence commences on 1 July 2009 and expires on 30 June 2010.

Similarly, renewal of Private Hire vehicle licence should be duly made in order that the licence commences on 1 August 2009 and expires on 31 July 2010.

I write to inform you of Council policy, which states that licensed Hackney Carriages have a compliance test three times a year and this includes a Department for Transport MOT as well as a check on the overall condition of the vehicle inside and out. These vehicles can be operated on the fleet until seven years of age from date of first registration. Upon attaining the seven years of age criteria, then that particular vehicle can no longer be operated on the fleet.

It is at the discretion of the proprietor of that vehicle as to whether or not it is replaced. Should a replacement vehicle be considered for licence then it should comply with the new vehicle conditions, which apply to all licences and vehicle replacements issued after 1 October 2005.

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Planning, Health & Environment
Duke House
Clensmore Street
Kidderminster
Worcs DY10 2JX

Mike Parker, Head of Planning, Health & Environment

- i.e. *Wyre Forest District Council will only licence vehicles less than two years old of a purpose built design (or LA Approved conversions). The body must be of a fixed head type and have a bulkhead partition. The vehicle must be designed and developed for use as a wheelchair accessible taxi. Wheelchair access must be from the side and not from the rear. It must be unaltered from the manufacturer's and/or converter's specification and documentation must be produced to show that the vehicle is certified to M1 European Whole Vehicle Approval or Low Volume Approval standards.*

Production of the Registration Document and Vehicle Type Approval will be required at the time of vehicle testing.

Hackney Carriages will be coloured silver, and suitably finished to a high quality. The silver colour shall be matching to BS 5252 (reference no 00A03) or other similar Colour as the Council may agree.

Likewise, Council policy applies to Private Hire Vehicles.

All licensed Private Hire Vehicles have a compliance test three times a year and this includes a Department for Transport MOT as well as a check on the overall condition of the vehicle inside and out. These vehicles can be operated on the fleet until seven years of age from date of first registration. Upon attaining the seven years age criteria, then that particular vehicle can no longer be operated on the fleet.

It is at the discretion of the proprietor of that vehicle as to whether or not it is replaced. Should a replacement vehicle be considered for licence then it should comply with the new vehicle conditions, which apply to all licences and vehicle replacements issued after 1 October 2005."

- i.e. *Wyre Forest District Council will licence vehicles for private hire operation. Vehicles must be unaltered from the manufacturer's specification and documentation must be produced to show that the vehicle is certified to M1, European Whole Vehicle Approval or Low Volume Type Approval standards.*

Production of the Registration Document and Vehicle Type Approval will be required at the time of testing.

Private Hire Vehicles will be coloured red, and suitably finished to a high quality. The red colour shall be matching to BS 5252 (reference no. 04E55) or other similar colour as the Council may agree.

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All vehicles, when first submitted for licensing, must be less than two years of age. The upper age limit for Private Hire Vehicles will be seven years at the time of application for renewal. These age limits can be waived if the vehicle is special or prestigious as designated by the Council's Licensing Officer.

All wheelchair-accessible Private Hire Vehicles are to permit loading of wheelchairs ONLY through the side door(s) of the vehicle. Vehicles that which load wheelchairs through the tailgate will not be accepted for licensing."

Should it be your desire to make application for the renewal of licence of vehicles, the age of which exceeds Council policy, the following applies to your vehicle -

i.e.

"(v) the Council's current policy regarding age limits on its Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicles be retained as:-

the age limits are:-

- (a) only vehicles under the age of four years can be licensed for the first time; and*
- (b) seven years for the renewal of a Licence. However a vehicle would ceased to be licensed after seven years from the date of first registration.*

Exceptions to the age limit were, London – styled taxis (black cab type), Mini buses and Volvo 940 vehicles"

(Licensing Committee meeting 29/07/97)

I wish to inform you that each application will be considered individually on its own merits. However, I have no authority to grant or renew a licence outside Council policy. This is not a decision of the Council as to your application for licence renewal. Any decision to renew your licence can only be made by the Licensing and Environmental Committee.

The applications will be presented to the Licensing and Environmental Committee, Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire, on an appropriate date.

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However, the following suggested points of interest may be prudent to assist in the application process.

- Application form, per vehicle, to be completed correctly and duly signed by applicant.
- Licence fee, per vehicle, to be paid in full and accompany application form.
- Vehicle Registration Document, per vehicle, to accompany application form.
- Current Certificate of Insurance, per vehicle, detailing appropriate entitlement.
- Current MOT Certificate, per vehicle, no more than one month old.
- Independent Motor Vehicle Engineers report, per vehicle i.e. AA, RAC.
- Individual vehicles to be presented at Green Street garage for inspection prior to Committee hearing.
- Report per vehicle, detailing any extraordinary circumstances, to support your application as to why the vehicle licence should be renewed.
- Any additional supporting information that may assist in the decision-making.
- Each individual vehicle subject of an application to be presented to the Licensing and Environmental Committee for inspection.

If I can be of further assistance I can be contacted on 01562 732595.

Yours faithfully

J Bulmer
Licensing Officer

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Vehicle Licence Application for Grant or Renewal of

Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle

Worcestershire Hub
Wyre Forest Customer Service Centre
Kidderminster Town Hall, Vicar Street,
Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 1DA

Tel: 01562 732928
Email: worcestershirehub@wyreforestdc.gov.uk
Web: www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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APPENDIX 3

VEHICLE DETAILS

Plate No (if applicable)	64	Renewal	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Registration No	7L51 DWO.	Model	PASSAT	
Date of First Registration	12/12/2001	Colour	BLUE	
Make of Vehicle	VOLKSWAGEN.	Number of Passenger Seats (see note A overleaf)	4	

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant
(company name, trading name or proprietor of
vehicle if not a company). See note B overleaf.

T. J. COXEN / REINIGLE
T/A REGENCY VEHICLE HIRE.

Business Address
(or home address if not a company)

AS ABOVE -

Operating Address
(address from where the business is operated)

Business Telephone No/s

0162 66666 Mobile

I apply to licence the above vehicle as a

Hackney Carriage Private Hire

RETURN YOUR FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND FEE TO:

In Person
Worcestershire Hub, Wyre Forest Customer Service Centre, Kidderminster Town Hall, Vicar Street, Kidderminster, Worcs.
DY10 1DA

By Post
Licensing Section, Planning, Health and Environment Division, Wyre Forest District Council, Duke House, Clensmore Street,
Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 2JX

DECLARATION

I apply for the Grant of a Vehicle Licence and I declare that the above vehicle is not licensed by any
other authority and that the statements on this form are true.

I enclose the fee of £322 for this Vehicle Licence.

Signature

T. J. COXEN

Date

11/05/2009



PROPERTY & OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Green Street, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 1HA

Tel. 01562 732928 Fax. 01562 732905

HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE INSPECTION FORM

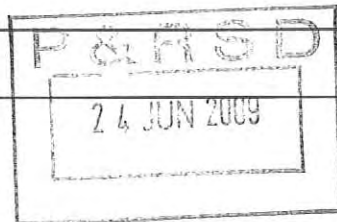
Vehicle Registration No.: YLS1 DWO Mileage: 268763
Plate No.: TX64 Seats: 4
Meter Serial No.: 74950 Mileage:

The above vehicle was today examined by a mechanic of Wyre Forest District Council's Garage at Green Street for compliance with the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Byelaws.

The condition of the vehicle was as follows:

PARTICULARS OF VEHICLE

- 1. Name of Owner: REGENCY
2. Address of Owner: COMBERTON TOLL KIDS
3. Make: VW
4. Type: PASSAT S TDI
5. Horsepower: 1896cc Colour: BLUE
6. Expiry Date of Insurance Certificate: 28TH JULY '09
7. Date of Issue of Ministry Certificate: 15 MAY '09
8. Issuing Garage: TRAVEL GAS CHESTER RD KIDS
9. Date of Original Registration: 12/12/01
10. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence Details Displayed: Inside Outside
11. Statement of Fares Legibly Displayed Inside:
12. Road Tax Licence Displayed:



Renewal Fee Receipt No. 25981 Receipt No. (if tested within 24 hours of failure) Receipt No. (if tested within 48 hours of failure)

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	(✓)	No.
Inside Cab		
Seat Belts condition	/	1
Cab floors, steps, covering	/	2
Driving seat condition	/	3
Other seats condition	/	4
Mirrors (internal)	/	5
View to Front	/	6
Condition of glass (screens/windows)	/	7
Windows – operation	/	8
Screen wipers and washers	/	9
Speedometer	/	10
Horn	/	11
Driving controls (pedal pads etc.)	/	12
Steering wheel – free play	/	13
Steering wheel – security condition	/	14
Steering column	/	15
Warning devices	/	16
Park Brake control lever/switch	/	17
Service Brake – excessive travel – operation	/	18
Light switches – operation – security	/	19
Interior lamps – operation	/	20
Cab heater	/	21
Statement of fares	/	22
Plate number	/	23
No smoking signs	/	24
Meter-illuminate roof sign/tariff	/	25
First aid kit	/	26
Fire extinguisher	/	27
Cab Exterior		
Bumpers – security – condition	/	28
Body panels – condition – colour	/	29
Doors – security – operation	/	30
Mirrors	/	31
Vehicle ramps – if required	/	32
Fuel filler cap and seal	/	33
Wipers – washers – condition – operation	/	34
Headlights	/	35
Sidelights – front and rear	/	36
Fog lights	/	37
Brake lights	/	38
Indicators	/	39
Hazard warning lights	/	40
Reverse lights	/	41
Number plates – condition – illumination	/	42
Illuminated roof sign (Hackney Carriage only)	/	43
Door licence number	/	44
Rear licence plate – condition	/	45

	(✓)	No.		
Engine Compartment				
Engine and gearbox mountings	/	46		
Oil leaks	/	47		
Coolant leaks	/	48		
Exhaust - security – leaks	/	49		
Battery – security	/	50		
Brake master cylinder – security – leaks	/	51		
Under Vehicle				
Oil leaks	/	52		
Fuel tank and systems – security – leaks	/	53		
Exhaust system – security – leaks	/	54		
Suspension pins and bushes condition security	/	55		
Suspension units and sub frames – condition – security	/	56		
Spring units and sub frames – condition – security	/	57		
Shock absorbers – leaks – security	/	58		
Wheel bearings – excessive play	/	59		
Stub axles – excessive play	/	60		
Steering mechanism – play – security – leaks	/	61		
Clutch – operation – leaks	/	62		
Transmission – drive line – security – leaks	/	63		
Brakes				
Mechanical brake components	/	64		
Drums and linings	/	65		
Discs and pads	/	66		
Load sensing/anti-lock system	/	67		
Anti-lock – operation – warning	/	68		
Tyres				
Size	/	69		
Condition	/	70		
Tariff Meter				
Operation/Security	/	71		
Tread Wear: State tread depth left in mm				
N/S/F	O/S/F	N/S/R	O/S/R	SPARE
6	4	5	7	3
Vehicle examined and found to be Fit for purpose				
Signature of person examining Vehicle..... <i>M. Phillips</i>				
Print name in capitals..... <i>M. PHILLIPS</i>				
Date <i>10/06/09</i>				
Transport Manager Signature <i>M. Phillips</i>				
Print Name in Capitals <i>M. PHILLIPS</i>				
Date <i>10/06/09</i>				

