

APPENDIX 1 - PROPOSALS EMISSIONS

The Council has, along with many other councils in the UK, declared that there is a current and future climate change emergency that requires urgent planning and action, one of the agreed plans of the Council is to ensure all services make the maximum possible impact in challenging the extent and causes of climate change.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY 2016

TO AMEND APPENDIX B (VEHICLE LICENCE SPECIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCESS) AS FOLLOWS

- 7.3 All new vehicles presented for licensing must have no damage affecting the structural safety of the vehicle and have no more than 75,000 miles on the Odometer along with a valid MOT certificate which has been issued no more than one month prior to the application being submitted.

(Proposal to remove the 75,000 mile requirement to allow drivers to source vehicles with a higher mileage but that can comply with the emission requirements below)

Additional requirements

- At first application – Vehicles must meet or exceed Euro 6 (Diesel) Euro 4 (Petrol) emissions standards.
- At renewal – From 01/04/2024 vehicle licences will not be renewed in respect of any licensed vehicle that does not meet or exceed Euro 6 emissions standards (Diesel) Euro 4 (Petrol) emissions standards

Where vehicles do not meet the relevant emissions criteria the proprietor may:

- have the vehicle adapted / modified to meet the standard and provide evidence of this
- change the fuel that is used to a cleaner alternative, such as bio diesel or
- replace the vehicle with one that meets the emission standard.

When will the different criteria be applied

If the licence of a currently licensed Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle is allowed to EXPIRE by its proprietor then any subsequent application will NOT be considered as a renewal. This means that where an existing vehicle licence expires, a subsequent application for a licence for that vehicle will be treated as a first time application and the standards and criteria relating to first time applications will be applied. For the avoidance of doubt when a new vehicle has an existing plate transferred onto it the vehicle will be considered under the emissions criteria for a vehicle being licensed for the first time.

