

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

New Plates and Door Signs for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Cut off Date

18th November 2010

Report of Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Members' approval of the introduction of a cut off date by which the new Taxi and Private Hire vehicle plates and door signs must be displayed.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to support the implementation of a cut off date by which all licensed vehicles display the new signage.

1.0 Report

- 1.1 Members will be aware that at a meeting of this committee held on 10th June 2010 new door signage and taxi licence plates were approved
- 1.2 The new signs and plates were being applied to vehicles on renewal of the licence. However, at the recent informal meeting between the Committee and the trade, concern was expressed that having licensed vehicles with different signs and plates was causing confusion for the public.
- 1.3 It is recommended therefore that members approve a date by which all licensed vehicles in Lancaster must display the new signage. The date recommended for this would be 31st January 2011.

2.0 Conclusion

- 2.1 If members accept the above proposal all vehicles will be displaying the new signage by the cut off date 31st January 2011 thus eliminating any confusion caused by the current situation.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

These recommendations will improve public safety, failure to continually improve safety could leave the Council open to criticism.

The proposed change does not have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on age, disability, gender, race/ethnicity, religion or religious belief (faith), sexual orientation, or rural isolation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no cost implications arising from this report. The costs of the new plates and door stickers will be met from within existing budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

If Members are minded to introduce a cut-off date, this would clarify and be consistent with the Committee's decision of the 10th June 2010, and there are therefore no constitutional issues

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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