

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Vehicle Age Policy for Hackney Carriages Incorporating a Mixed Fleet Provision –**

#### **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND PURPOSE BUILT VEHICLES**

1. This part of the policy relates to all wheelchair accessible and purpose built vehicles including, TX1, TX2, TX4, Metro Cabs and Eurocabs.
2. Any new vehicle to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage either permanently or temporarily to be no older than 5 years of age from the date of first registration.
3. The vehicle once licensed can be licensed for an indefinite period but must pass a Certificate of Compliance every six months on reaching 14 years of age.
4. Any vehicle imported into the UK, the date requirements will apply from the date of manufacture.
5. A current wheelchair accessible/purpose built Hackney Carriage licence holder can only replace the vehicle with another wheelchair accessible/purpose built vehicle as defined in paragraph 1 above.

#### **SALOON HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES**

Pending the outcomes of national consultation being conducted by the Department for Transport (DfT) and any future local consultation on Hackney Carriage mixed fleets the following will apply as an Interim Provision:-

6. Any new saloon vehicle to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage vehicle either permanently or temporarily to be no older than 5 years from the date of first registration.
7. Any vehicle imported into the UK, the date requirements will apply from the date of manufacture.
8. Paragraph 6 above only relates to currently licensed saloon Hackney Carriage vehicle licence holders.
9. The vehicle once licensed can be licensed to a maximum of 9 years from the date of first registration.
10. Any licensed saloon vehicle may be sold to an existing Hackney Carriage licence holder, subject to paragraph 5 above.

11. Any licensed saloon Hackney Carriage vehicle may be replaced at any time with a wheelchair accessible/purpose built vehicle.

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12. During the period from this policy taking effect, and pending any subsequent legislation or guidance issued by the DfT on Hackney Carriage mixed fleets, any Hackney Carriage vehicle may be replaced with a newer vehicle of a similar type.

13. Any vehicle to be licensed as a temporary replacement or on a temporary basis (e.g. where the permanent vehicle has been involved in an accident or been stolen, etc) must be replaced with a suitable vehicle, as agreed with the Council's Licensing Officer, pending the repair or renewal of the original vehicle within a 3 month period.

14. In all cases of transfer of vehicle, the prior written permission of the Licensing Officer is required.

15. That this new policy and interim provision relating to saloon vehicles be fully reviewed when the findings, guidance and or regulations are published following the DfT consultation.

16. Any saloon Hackney Carriage vehicle being replaced like for like during this interim provision period may be required to be upgraded to a wheelchair compliant vehicle at the end of the current licence period.