

APPENDIX A

Revised Proposals (Saloon Hackney Carriages and Private hire Vehicles) from Licensing Committee on 17th October 2018

7.1 The rationale for the revised low emission standards is based on the current age of licenced vehicles, the current vehicle age policy for private hire vehicles and saloon hackney carriages and the implementation dates of Euro emission standards of:

Euro 6 Diesel (September 2014)

Euro 5 Petrol (September 2009)

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7.2 The below proposals will apply to all saloon hackney carriages and private hire vehicles as well as any temporary replacement vehicle.

Compliance Dates & Emission Standard	Vehicle to be Licensed
1st September 2018 ULEV** Standard	All new vehicles to be licensed by new applicants on or after that date. ***
1st September 2018 CAZ Standard (Euro 6 diesel / Euro 5 petrol)	All licensing renewals i.e. renewals of currently licensed vehicles.
1st September 2018 CAZ Standard (Euro 6 diesel / Euro 5 petrol)	All new vehicles to be licensed by current licence holders i.e. where the current licensed vehicle needs to be replaced ***
1st September 2020 CAZ Standard (Euro 6 diesel / Euro 6 petrol)	All new vehicles to be licensed by current licence holders i.e. where the current licensed vehicle needs to be replaced ***
ULEV from 2025	All licensing renewals i.e. renewals of current vehicles and all new vehicles to be licensed.

*Clean Air Zone

**A vehicle that uses low carbon technologies and emits less than 75g of CO₂/km from the tailpipe and is capable of operating in zero tailpipe emission mode for a range of at least ten miles.

*** Any ULEV** Standard vehicle must only be replaced by another ULEV ** Standard vehicle.

7.3 The Council will be holding 'Trade' days when vehicle owners can meet with ULEV manufacturers and service providers to discuss opportunities.

7.4 Saloon drivers qualify for a Plug-in Car Grant of (about £4.5k)

8. Additional Proposals

8.1 To promote the take up of ULEV vehicles the following proposals are being made to be agreed by the Committee.

- (a) That annually, the first 20 fully Electric and Plug-in ULEV vehicles i.e. as at ** above, to be licensed on or after 1st September 2018 will not pay a licence fee for the first 2 years.
- (b) The first 20 Electric and Plug-in ULEV vehicles will receive the first 50 charge events free.
- (c) The vehicle age for saloon vehicles that are fully Electric, Plug-in ULEV i.e. that meet ** above, the age limit will be extended from 9 years to 12 years and will apply to all new and existing vehicles that meet the criteria.

9. Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

9.1 The proposed setting of low emission standards impacts most on those proprietors of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

- There are currently 50 licensed wheelchair accessible vehicles
- 33 vehicles are over 10 years of age with the oldest vehicle being 20 years of age.
- Only 2 currently licensed vehicles would comply with the revised proposals
- The current vehicle age policy for wheelchair accessible vehicles allows vehicles to be licensed indefinitely subject to twice yearly testing at 14 years

9.2 For the above reasons it is proposed to conduct a separate consultation for wheelchair accessible vehicles and hold meetings with the representatives and proprietors to discuss replacing existing vehicles with ULEV vehicles, Electric vehicles, Plug-in ULEV vehicles and the availability and use of rapid charging units as detailed in (Appendix A).

9.3 The previous report also outlined that the London Taxi Company will be producing a new range extended electric London Taxi which will be on the market later this year. The cost for this new London Taxi will be in the region of £33k with the top up grant (about £7.5k, including the Plug-in Car Grant) available from the Government. In addition, the Nissan eNV 200 electric taxi is also available and qualifies for the Plug-in Car Grant (about £4.5k) and costs around £20k. As Slough completed an Ultra-Low Emission Taxi Study, Proprietors of Wheelchair Accessible vehicles drivers will qualify for the top up Grants, in addition to the Plug-in Car Grant.