

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 10.

meeting date: 13 JUNE 2017
 title: TAXI ENFORCEMENT OPERATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform committee of the results of an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - }
- Corporate Priorities - } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council.
- Other Considerations - }

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 21 April 2017, the Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer carried out an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles, in a joint operation with the Police, and Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.

3. ISSUES

3.1 The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer inspected 10 vehicles. 7 were found to be of the required standard. Three vehicles were not of the required standard. The drivers of 2 of those vehicles were served with delayed prohibition notices requiring work to be carried out on their vehicles within 7 days. The notices related to a broken suspension spring and an ABS fault. The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer has confirmed that these works were carried out within 7 days. The remaining vehicle was found to have a tyre with tread below the legal limit. This vehicle was issued with a prohibition notice and was taken off the road with immediate effect. The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer has also confirmed that this tyre has been replaced.

3.2 The Council has issued a press release notifying the public of the results of the operation.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Improved control of licence holders should improve public safety.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – Improved public safety will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – None

5. **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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