

REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LICENSING, FOOD & SAFETY
TO THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
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AMENDMENT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE, PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE AND RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As Members will be aware, from 1st October 2014 the Driver and vehicle licence agency (DVLA) no longer requires vehicles to display a valid tax disc on a vehicle.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 In order to ensure that conditions of licence are kept up to date, it is proposed to change the wording of the following conditions to remove the need to display a valid road fund licence at the time of inspection, namely;

Hackney Carriage vehicle condition 7 a) currently states:

- “a) The licence holder must present the registration document (V5c) at the time of the grant of the licence or where the vehicle has been modified. The licence holder must present a valid certificate of insurance issued under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and current M.O.T. certificate (which is required yearly from when the vehicle has reached the age of one year), at the time of payment of the appropriate fee. The licence holder must present the vehicle for an official inspection at the designated centre and must display a valid road fund licence at the time of inspection.”

Private hire vehicle Condition 8 a) and Restricted private hire vehicle condition 8 a) currently states:

- “a) The licence holder must present the registration document (V5c) at the time of the grant of the licence or where the vehicle has been modified. The licence holder must present a valid certificate of insurance issued under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and current M.O.T. certificate, at the time of payment of the appropriate fee. The licence holder must present the vehicle for an official inspection at the designated centre and must display a valid road fund licence at the time of inspection.”

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that:

- i) Members remove the need to display a valid road fund licence at the time of inspection from hackney carriage vehicle, private hire vehicle and restricted private hire vehicle conditions.

The Licensing Committee's instructions are requested.

Background Papers:	None
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