

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Licensing Committee

2nd November 2017

TITLE:	Update on Implementation of the Hackney Carriage Decals
PORTFOLIO:	Councillor Kemp – Executive Councillor for Tourism, Regeneration & Licensing
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WARDS:	Non-Specific

Appendix A – Decals image and size

1. Reason for the Report:

1.1 The report is to update the Committee on the progress for the implementation of the Hackney Carriage Decals.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the report.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 The procurement process has been completed and Hotline signs in Buxton is currently supplying and fitting the decals to the Hackney Carriage Vehicles in the Borough.

3.2 The Decals are made from GrafiPrint™ self adhesive calendered special formula premium (GSF). The Digital PVC printable vinyl's (Decals) are perfectly suited for long term indoor and up to 5 year outdoor applications for signage, Vehicle Stickers and Decals. The decal is over laminated with a matching quality laminate for further protection. The Decals can be removed, and will cause no damage to the paintwork. The Fitting time is around 40 minutes.

- 3.2 116 out of the 136 Vehicles have attended the workshop and had the decals professionally fitted to their vehicles. The remaining 20 vehicles will be fitted by the end October 2017.
- 3.3 The Authority has funded the 1st set of decals as per the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2016, any additional decals will be re-charged to the vehicle owner, the Authority has also made provision for magnetic decals where requested on a case by case basis.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2016 (Appendix B) section 8.3.2 introduced a requirement for all Hackney Carriage Vehicles to display a decal on the bonnet of the vehicle and the doors clearly stating “**HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE**”.

5. **Options and Analysis**

- 5.1 No options for the committee to consider – update only

6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy should have a positive impact on community safety and assist in the reduction of crime.

6.2 Workforce

None.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

6.4 Financial Considerations

The failure of the Authority to review, consult and publish the Taxi Licensing Policy on a regular basis may result in judicial review proceedings being brought against the Council.

6.5 Legal

Decisions in relation to a licence application are likely to amount to consideration of civil rights and obligations with the result that Article 6 (1) of the Human Rights Act 1998 is engaged.

Should parts of the industry believe the authority's Taxi Licensing Policy is not sound it would be open to them to undertake judicial review proceedings.

6.6 Sustainability

The aim of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy is to improve the economic, environmental and social well being of the area. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy has been introduced and written with due regard to the requirements to achieve sustainability in the environmental, economic and social life of the Borough.

6.7 Internal and External Consultation

The proposed amendments arise from consultation with the licenced trade.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The Council's Policy will be monitored during the five year period and can be reviewed at any time if considered necessary and appropriate.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

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