

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Licensing Committee

2nd November 2017

TITLE:	Update on Approved Garages for Taxi Testing
PORTFOLIO:	Councillor Kemp – Executive Councillor for Tourism, Regeneration & Licensing
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WARDS:	Non-Specific

Appendix A – MOT Testing Stations to be approached and surveyed

1. Reason for the Report:

1.1 The report is to update the Committee on the progress and revised timetable to implement a preferred garage Taxi Testing regime for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage licences.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the report.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 A project is underway to have a list of approved garages within the Borough for delivery of the Council's required taxi testing regime. This will have a number of benefits to the trade and will give greater choice for Taxi Operators as to where they can take their vehicles for the required testing.

3.4 The project is likely to take 6 months to complete and will follow the following actions:-

- Details have now been received from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, letters to all garages requesting details of their ratings and capability of undertaking the tests. **(October – November 2017)**

- Carry out a physical check of the garages which have responded to make sure they are suitable and provide a briefing as to the Council's requirements in addition to the MOT (such as Meters for the Hackney Carriages, signage, cleanliness etc) **(January – February 2018)**.
- Consult all Vehicle licence holders regarding the proposed garages and their locations **(6 Week Consultation February/March 2018)**.
- Bring the proposed garages to Committee for agreement, and make any required minor changes to the policy) **(April 2018)**
- Update the Council's website with the preferred garage list which will mean that all vehicles will have to be tested at one of the approved garages, including executive hire vehicles, limousines etc. **(Implementation from 1st May 2018)**.

4. **Options and Analysis**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees the proposed project and notes the revised timetable.

5. **Implications**

5.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

The appropriate enforcement of licensing legislation in partnership with relevant agencies is a key tool in assuring the maintenance of community safety.

5.2 Workforce

None.

5.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

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

5.4 Financial Considerations

There are no financial considerations to consider, all costs will be met by the Vehicle Operators.

5.5 Legal

As considered in the report.

5.6 Sustainability

The introduction of the approved garage list will ensure that the

Council is consistent in its approach to MOT Testing.

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