



## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Vehicles that are over 5 years old have to submit to an MOT/inspection every 6 months. The proposed new licence enables this to be monitored more effectively.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to recommend the new licence and the attendant fee to Council for introduction in 2009.

## **3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicles over the age of 5 years must have an MOT/inspection every 6 months. It is very difficult for officers to have to chase the proprietors to ensure that these are carried out.
- 3.2 It is proposed to introduce a 6 months vehicle licence for all vehicles when they reach 5 years of age. To renew this licence, the proprietor must produce an MOT/inspection certificate which has been completed no more than 3 weeks before the date of renewal.
- 3.3 Six monthly renewals will ensure that MOTs are carried out on time and help to improve safety.
- 3.4 The current fee for a 12 months vehicle licence is £210. It is suggested that the fee for a six months licence is £130 to allow for the extra administration and the cost of the plate renewal. See Appendix 1 for a breakdown of costs.
- 3.5 Members are being asked to recommend the new fee to Council at their next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as officers would like the new 6 monthly licence to commence before the fee are reviewed in April 2010.
- 3.6 Should members recommend the new licence and the attendant fee to Council and Council then approve the recommendation; the new fee would be consulted upon by placing an advertisement in a local paper, together with the increases on all other licences for 2010-2011, as required by legislation.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Not to introduce the 6 months licence.

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The six monthly licence would cost more to administer as there are extra reminders to send out and extra plates to print. This would be paid for by the increase in the charge for the licence.

## **6. POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 This will change the way that 5 year old vehicle are issued their licences.

## Appendix 1

### Extra cost (physical) for the intermediate licence

Rear vehicle plate	£7.80
Front vehicle plate	£3.40
<u>Total</u>	<u>£11.20</u>

### Extra costs (time) for the intermediate licence

Issue reminders  
Check documents  
Print and issue plates and licence  
Update FLARE record and scan in documents  
Check for missing or incorrect documents

Total average time necessary is 60 minutes at £40 per hour (including oncosts)

**Total extra (£40 + £11.20) = £51.20**

Due to imponderables such as vehicle changes, etc., it is impossible to estimate if any net income will be generated by this extra licence.

Should it become obvious in the future that extra income is being generated, a further report outlining this will be submitted outlining the figures.