

**DECISION OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 6PM, ON
THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2023,
BOURGES/MIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, BRIDGE STREET**

4. TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY AMENDMENT – TAIL-LIFT ENABLED VEHICLES

RESOLVED:

The Licensing Committee considered the Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Policy Amendment – Tail-lift Enabled Vehicles

The Committee **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to **APPROVE** the policy amendment as follows:

Revise the Peterborough City Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy specific to the age requirements of tail lift enabled vehicles existing in trade and for tail lift enabled vehicles being submitted for licensing for the first time as attached in full at Appendix 1.

The revision can be summarised as:

- Licensed diesel/petrol tail-lift enabled vehicles will become de-licensed when they reach 12 years of age from first registration (increased from 10 years).
- Diesel/petrol tail-lift enabled vehicles will be accepted for licensing up to 8 years of age from first registration (increased from 4 years).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

The recommendation was made to ensure that current provision of tail lift enabled vehicles would not be impacted as a result of vehicles becoming de-licensed in the next 12 months and to encourage more vehicles into trade to meet future demand.

TAIL LIFT VEHICLES* - PETROL, DIESEL AND OTHER NON ULEV, ZEV			
Vehicles licensed for the first time (new applications)		Hackney Carriage	Private Hire Vehicle
	Max age at time of first being licensed	8 years old	8 years old
	Maximum age limit beyond which the vehicle will not be licensed	12 years old or until 31.12.2029 (whichever is soonest)	12 years old or until 31.12.2029 (whichever is soonest)
	Age at which the vehicle will be subject to six monthly inspections	6 years old	6 years old
	Age at which the vehicle will be subject to Critical Testing criteria	8 years old	8 years old
Vehicles that are already licensed (renewal applications)		Hackney Carriage	Private Hire Vehicle
	Maximum age limit beyond which the vehicle will not be licensed	15 years old or until 31.12.2029 (whichever is soonest)	12 years old or until 31.12.2029 (whichever is soonest)
	Age at which the vehicle will be subject to six monthly inspections	6 years old	6 years old
	Age at which the vehicle will be subject to Critical Testing criteria	8 years old	8 years old

*For the purposes of the above, a vehicle is only considered a “tail lift vehicle” if it meets all the following criteria:

- Fully functioning, permanently fitted, powered, tail lift installed to the manufacturer’s specification
- Tail lift lifting capacity of at least 300kg
- Full, up to date certification (e.g. LOLER certification, maintenance documents etc).