

**VEHICLE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO A SPECIALIST
HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE (PEDI CAB) TOWN
POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976**

**REPORT BY: Head of Environmental Health and
Trading Standards**

Purpose

1. The report is to assist the Regulatory Committee consider the conditions to be attached to a specialist Hackney Carriage Vehicle in respect of two Pedi Cabs.

Legal Background

2. Under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 local authorities may make reasonable conditions for the regulation of both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.
3. S38 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 defines A Hackney Carriage as "Every wheeled carriage, whatever may be its form or construction, used in standing or plying for hire in any street within the prescribed distance".

Issues

4. An application has been received to licence two vehicles known as Pedi Cabs to be licensed as Hackney Carriages. Pedi Cabs are wheeled cycles which do not have an engine and are powered entirely by the rider.
5. Arrangements have been made for the vehicles to be tested by a reputable cycle shop, to be arranged by the vehicle proprietors and a safety certificate made available for the licensing section. The vehicles will be checked and serviced annually, in addition the proprietors/drivers will maintain them and keep records of daily routine vehicle checks.
6. In light of this request the standard conditions for licensed vehicles (appendix 1) and drivers (appendix 2) were adapted and additional conditions applied to take account of the specialist nature of the vehicles. Other Local Authorities who already licence this type of vehicle, were consulted and those conditions were used as a 'bench marking tool' to compose these draft conditions.
7. Consultation has taken place with the police, highways and Environmental Health and Safety. Full consultation was not deemed necessary due to the specialist nature of the vehicle.
8. At the time of submitting this report the police have made no objection, highways have made no comment and Environmental Health have offered

advice to the vehicle proprietors with regard to the necessary risk assessment.

9. The proprietors intend to run their operation as a 'pilot scheme' initially. If the Pedi Cabs are approved for use within Herefordshire suitable hailing points will be identified and displayed. These require no special traffic orders so the cost will be minimal, approximately £150.00.

Options

It is for the Regulatory Committee to decide whether the vehicle: -

- The draft conditions can be adopted for use with Pedi Cabs licensed as Hackney Carriages.
- The draft conditions cannot be adopted for use with Pedi Cabs licensed as Hackney Carriages.
- or reach some other decision.