

**PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO
A SPECIALIST PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (FIRE
ENGINES) 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 specialist Private Hire Vehicle in respect of de-commissioned Fire Engines.

Legal Background

2. Under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 local authorities may make reasonable conditions for the regulation of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.
3. A private Hire Vehicle is defined in section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as: 'A motor vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers, other than a hackney carriage or public service vehicle or a London cab or tram car, which is provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying passengers'.

Issues

4. The original fire engine conditions were considered and agreed at Regulatory Committee in July 2006.
6. Since that date changes have taken place in the standard licence conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles which require additional conditions being added to the fire engine conditions.
7. Appendix 1 shows the fire engine conditions. It is proposed to add the following condition:-
 - 1.1 A vehicle may only be licensed providing that the vehicle has past an enhanced VOSA Single Vehicle Approval (SVA) test and the applicant has provided a written self-declaration that no changes have take place to that vehicle since the SVA test was past.

Options

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

- The new condition can be adopted for use with Fire Engines licensed as Private Hire Vehicles.
- The new condition cannot be adopted for use with Fire Engines licensed as Private Hire Vehicles.
- Or reach some other decision.