

**PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO
A SPECIALIST PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (FIRE ENGINE)
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 Private Hire Vehicle in respect of a de-commissioned Fire Engine.

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. 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. Mr Harris has made an application to have the vehicle licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle.
5. Arrangements have been made for the vehicle to be tested at the VOSA testing centre as the normal test centre based at Rotherwas cannot inspect such large vehicles. The vehicle inspection will be carried within normal test conditions to MOT standard in line with other licensed vehicles.
6. In light of this request the standard conditions for licensed vehicles were adapted and additional conditions applied to take account of the specialist nature of the vehicle. 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 and were sent to the police and fire authorities, VOSA 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 consultation period was not complete therefore, consultation responses will be added before the Regulatory Committee hearing as an extra item.

Options

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

- The draft conditions can be adopted for use with Fire Engines licensed as Private Hire Vehicles.
- The draft conditions cannot be adopted for use with Fire Engines licensed as Private Hire Vehicles.
- or reach some other decision.