

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: 1 NOVEMBER 2022
title: TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING OPERATION
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives }
 - Corporate Priorities }
 - Other Considerations }
- Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 On 14 October 2022, the Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer carried out an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles, in a joint operation with the Police and Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Ten vehicles were inspected, eight of which were licensed by Ribble Valley Borough Council. All of those eight vehicles were found to be of the required standard.

3.2 However, the two vehicles licensed by other authorities had defects, resulting in the issue of prohibition notices. One vehicle had a nearside front tyre below the legal limit, and the other had a wheel nut missing from its near side rear wheel. Both defects were rectified, and the prohibition notices lifted. The authorities concerned have been notified.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Improved control of licence holders should improve public safety.
- Political - No implications identified.
- Reputation – Improved public safety will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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