

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 26 JANUARY 2021
title: TAXI ENFORCEMENT OPERATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of taxi enforcement operations.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

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

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 A taxi licencing operation took place on 4 December 2020, with the police, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) and the Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer. The result of the operation was that 8 vehicles were stopped and checked. Four Private Hire Vehicles and four Hackney Carriage vehicles, all licensed by Ribble Valley Borough Council.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Council's Enforcement Officer inspected 8 vehicles. Of those 8 vehicles, 5 were found to be of the required standard. Three of the vehicles were not of the required standard.

3.2 Delayed prohibition notices requiring the work to be carried out on the vehicles within 7 days were served in respect of 2 of the vehicles. The notices related to rear brakes being below legal limit, engine management light permanently on and a defective N/side CV boot. The required works have been carried out on both vehicles and they have been issued with new MOT certificates.

3.3 The third vehicle was found to have a rear door which could not be opened from the inside or the outside. The vehicle was issued with a prohibition notice and was taken off the road with immediate effect.

3.4 The Council has issued a press release notifying the public of the results of the operation.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – Resources will be required to: liaise with outside bodies; carry out the operations; take any action necessary as a result; and report further to Committee, the public and licence holders.
- 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 implication identified

5. **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Note the contents of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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