



Walsall Council

REPORT OF FLEET SERVICES MOT TEST CENTRE

TO A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 21ST. OCTOBER 2009

REPORT REGARDING TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

- 1.1 This is an information report placed before the Committee regarding vehicle test pass / failure rates on Hackney Carriage / Private Hire vehicles as requested by the Taxi / Private Hire Liaison Group.

2. RECOMMENDATION.

- 2.1 Committee is recommended to consider the report and to approve the retention of the current vehicle testing intervals together with no change to vehicle age limits.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

- 3.1 Within budget if approved.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

- 4.1 Within Council Policy: Not applicable.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS.

- 5.1 Legal Services Consulted: No.
- 5.2 Section 70 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 permits the local authority powers to impose conditions for the compliance inspections and MOT testing of private hire and taxi vehicles.

- 5.3 The Council under current legislation can only make a reasonable charge in order to recover the administrative costs of licensing / testing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles. Of course, if a surplus is made, that should then be used to offset the licensing / testing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles in following years to come.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS.

- 6.1 None.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

- 7.1 None.

8. WARD(S) AFFECTED.

- 8.1 All.

9. CONSULTEES.

- 9.1 Taxi Liaison Group:

10. CONTACT OFFICERS.

- 10.1 Stephen Johnson, Fleet Manager, 01922 653719
Marten Pleaden, Vehicle Examiner, 01922 653753

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS.

- 11.1 Information reports;

Vehicle Test Failure Rates

1. BACKGROUND.

- 1.1 The Taxi/Private Hire Testing frequency is currently;

Vehicles up to 3 years old, 1 test per year
Vehicles over 3 years old, 3 tests per year

Fleet Services MOT Test Centre implements the duties delegated and authorised by this Committee and imposed by the legislation.

- 1.2 Fleet Services MOT Centre on behalf of the Authority, carry out inspections and statutory MOT tests of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles for the purpose of determining vehicle roadworthiness, legality, safety and comfort and compliance of operating conditions.

1.3 The proposed are in line with the Council's **Priorities** and **Vision**:-

- i) Making it easier for people to get around
- ii) Ensuring people are safe and secure
- iii) Encouraging everyone to feel proud of Walsall.

January 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	157	98	76	62.4	77.5
PH	130	83	66	63.8	79.5
HC	27	15	10	55.5	66.6

February 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	139	78	52	56.1	66.6
PH	122	67	42	54.9	62.6
HC	17	11	10	64.7	90.9

March 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	131	67	50	51.1	74.6
PH	112	58	42	51.8	72.4
HC	19	9	8	47.4	88.9

April 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	171	92	72	53.8	78.3
PH	148	80	64	54.0	80.0
HC	23	12	8	52.1	66.7

May 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	162	87	69	53.7	79.3
PH	138	69	55	50.0	79.7
HC	24	18	14	75.0	77.8

June 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	137	86	72	62.8	83.7
PH	116	74	60	63.8	81.1
HC	21	12	12	57.1	100

July 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	125	80	64	64.0	80.0
PH	103	62	49	60.2	79.0
HC	22	18	15	81.2	83.3

August 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	137	74	61	54.0	82.4
PH	113	62	53	54.5	85.5
HC	24	12	8	50.0	66.7

September 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	139	85	71	61.1	83.5
PH	120	72	60	60.0	86.1
HC	19	13	11	68.4	84.6

October 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	184	111	84	60.3	75.7
PH	159	95	72	59.7	75.8
HC	25	16	12	64.0	75.0

November 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	148	89	59	60.1	66.3
PH	129	75	51	58.1	68.0
HC	19	14	8	73.4	57.1

December 2008

	Total Tests	Total Failures	Total Failures (More Than 1 Item)	Total Failure %	% of Failures That Are More Than 1 Item
PH & HC	129	71	54	55.0	76.0
PH	102	57	42	55.8	73.7
HC	27	14	12	51.8	85.7

Vehicles Tested/Failure Rate – January to December 2008

	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL	% PASS	% FAIL
PH	603	858	1461	41.3	58.7
HC	102	164	266	38.3	61.6
Grand Total	705	1022	1727	40.8	59.1

FAILED ITEMS – January to December 2008

	PH	HC	TOTAL
Light Defects	878	172	1050
Brake Defects	427	90	517
Suspension Defects	381	70	451
Steering Defects	229	58	287
Tyre Defects	412	70	482
Emissions Defects	263	59	322
Seat Belt Defects	212	42	254
Int/Ext Cond Defects	444	97	541
2 Items +	658	128	786

