

**WALSALL COUNCIL**

**From:** CONSTITUTIONAL  
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**To:**

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**(c) Vehicle Age Restriction**

Mr. Hussain pointed out that he had requested a report on this issue in 2000 but this was never forthcoming. The age limit for private hire vehicles was currently 10 years but he wanted the policy changed so that operators could provide replacement vehicles between 5 and 10 years of age.

Ms. Taylor confirmed that what Mr. Hussain was asking for was already in force for hackney carriages.

Councillor Rochelle joined the meeting at 7.06 p.m.

Mr. Khalid suggested that this would be a good idea if a condition was attached that private hire operators could only change vehicles once in 5 years and that the Council was satisfied that the replacement vehicles was in better condition than the vehicle being replaced.

It was **AGREED** that Mr. Hussain submit a request formally, in writing, regarding this policy and that officers be requested to respond to the issues raised and prepare a report for submission to the next meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee.