

WALSALL COUNCIL

From: CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES **To:**

Copy TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE **Date:** 22 JULY, 2009
Resolutions: LIAISON GROUP

(a) 6 monthly MOT testing

Mr. Hussain advised the Group that the Private Hire Association was asking for 6 monthly testing of vehicles. Councillor Beeley pointed out that the failure rate was currently 60% and expressed the view that 6 monthly testing was not suitable. Mr. Hussain informed the Group that the failures were mainly on minor issues and Councillor Beeley expressed the need for public safety.

Mr. Khalid referred to the minutes of the last meeting when a recommendation had been made to the Licensing and Safety Committee 'that vehicles up to 5 years old would be subject to an MOT every 12 months and vehicles over 5 years of age would be tested every 6 months'. He asked why this had been raised again. Mr. Beavon replied that there would need to be a report to the Committee before the issue could be considered. The report would need to include relevant statistics about the failure rates. He suspected that Mr. Knapper, the Licensing Officer, was waiting for these statistics.

Mr. Khalid informed the Group that spot checks had been carried out the previous week and asked where the figures were. In reply Mr. Beavon indicated that if the statistics were available from Fleet Services, he would undertake to prepare a report for submission to the next scheduled meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee in September.

It was **AGREED** accordingly.