CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE REGULATORY

PANEL

Date of Meeting:- 21st January 2009 Agenda Item No:-

Public Operational Delegated Yes

Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Cumbria Fire Service	No	No
Cumbria Constabulary	No	No
Environmental Services	No	No

Title:- JAMES DOUGLAS JEFFERY – HACKNEY CARRIAGE

PROPRIETOR -VEHICLE CONDITION

Report of:- DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report reference:- LDS 11 /09

Summary:-

James Douglas Jeffery is the proprietor of Hackney Carriage H494 registration number Y261 KNF. This vehicle is repeatedly failing its periodic safety check carried out by the Council's garage.

Recommendation:-

To reach a decision from the options available, after hearing the evidence and any response from Mr Jeffery, in accordance with Section 6 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

J A Messenger Licensing Manager

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:- Vehicle inspection sheets,

To the Chairman & Members of the Regulatory Panel on 21st January 2009

<u>NAME</u> James Douglas Jeffery

<u>ADDRESS</u> Welsh Road, Carlisle

LICENSING HISTORY

Mr Jeffery is the licence holder (Proprietor) of a Hackney Carriage H494, registration number Y261KNF. The vehicle is a wheelchair accessible London Taxis International TX1, first registered on the 19th of April 2001.

VEHICLE LICENSING POLICY

Carlisle's policy with regard to the testing of Hackney Carriages is that vehicles over 5 years old are tested by the Council's garage at Bousteads Grassing on 3 occasions per year. Once wheelchair accessible vehicles reach the age of 10 years they are subject to further inspections by Licensing Officers to ensure they meet our strict criteria for being in exceptional condition before being considered for further licensing.

VEHICLE TESTING HISTORY

The last 7 inspection sheets are attached to the report (**Appendix 1-7**). In summary the vehicle failed on faults including :-

18/12/06	Lights, brakes, steering, bodywork
16/04/07	Lights, brakes, steering, bodywork
14/08/07	Lights, suspension, advisory on brakes
14/12/07	Brakes, suspension, steering
14/04/08	Suspension, steering, bodywork
18/08/08	Lights, steering, brakes, bodywork
15/12/08	Brakes, lights, steering, 2 illegal rear tyres, advisory on 2 front tyres

After the vehicle failed its test on the 14th April 2008 Mr Jeffery was written to pointing out its repeated failures and apparent lack of any pre inspection before taking it to the Council's garage. He was warned that should the vehicle fail again on any obvious faults the matter would be referred to the Council's Regulatory Panel. (**Appendix 8**)

On its next test, on the 18th of August,, the vehicle again failed and was subsequently taken off the road whilst substantial repairs were done to it's bodywork and paintwork.

On it's most recent inspection, on the 15th of December, the vehicle again failed because of the following obvious defects and the plate was removed because of the illegal tyres.

- 1 Brake pedal pad was missing.
- 2 Number plate light was not working.
- 3 Steering box was leaking
- 4 Both rear tyres were below the legal limit
- 5 An advisory was given as both front tyres were near to the legal limit.

The defects were rectified the next day and the plate returned.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Hackney Carriages have a number of terms and conditions attached to them. No 10 (a) includes

"The vehicle shall be maintained in a good mechanical and roadworthy condition at all times. The bodywork shall be uniform and free from any rust or damage". (Appendix 9)

LEGISLATION

Section 60 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, states that a District Council may suspend or revoke a Hackney Carriage Licence on a number of grounds.

Section 61 (1) (c) gives the grounds of "any other reasonable cause" (Appendix 10)

OPTIONS

It is recommended that after hearing the evidence and any representations from Mr Jeffery, members reach a decision in line with the options available.

- 1 To take no further action.
- 2 To issue him with a letter of warning
- 3 To suspend his Hackney Carriage licence for a period of time.
- 4 To revoke his Hackney Carriage licence.

Prepared by B J Sharrock Ex 7027

Bumpers - Security/Damage

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL - VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FORM

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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION OR CHASSIS NUMBER	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED YES NO	VED EXPIRY DATE 31-5-2009 CCTV YES NO
OWNER (/)	
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ADDRESS CONTRACTOR CANE	ile
MAKE/MODEL	
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FUEL TYPE Drovel	SEATING CAPACITY
INTERIOR CHECKS	EXTERIOR CHECKS
WHEELCHAIR RAMPS & RETAINERS	SIGNAGE INC ROOF SIGN OPERATION REGISTRATION PLATES AND LAMPS
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	FRONT LAMPS INC INDICATORS
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FARES LIST FRONT/REAR SEAT BELTS/SECURITY	MIRRORS, FRONT & REAR SHOCK ABSORBERS
SWITCHES (POSITION LAMP, HEADLAMP)	FRONT/REAR WHEELS, TYRES INC SPARE
INDICATOR, HAZARD SWITCHES	REAR LIGHTS, REAR FOGS & STOP LAMPS
VIEW TO FRONT, WIPERS & WASHERS	FUEL TANK CAP
BRAKE PEDAL SERVO OPERATION	INDICATORS, HAZARDS DOORS & BOOT LID
HANDBRAKE, STEERING WHEEL & COLUMN	WIPER BLADES
DOORS, MIRRORS, HORN, INTERIOR LIGHTS	GENERAL CONDITION OF VEHICLE & BODY
CLEANLINESS OF UPHOLSTERY & INTERIOR	EMISSIONS
SPARE WHEEL UNDER BONNET CHECKS	BRAKE PERFORMANCE
VEHICLE STRUCTURE	/ SPEEDO, SPEED LIMITER
BRAKING SYSTEMS	DRIVING CONTROLS, GLAZING
EXHAUST SYSTEM	TYRE SIZE/LOAD/SPEED RATING
FUEL SYSTEM	CALIBRATION OF METER DEFECTS AND ADVISORYS,
STEERING & SUSPENSION	
POWERSTEERING COMPONENTS UNDER VEHICLE CHECKS	Bake hedge had. O. O.
STEERING INC POWERSTEERING	
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FRONT SUSPENSION, SHOCK ABSORBERS	$\triangle \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A} $
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AXLE 2 N/S 780 V TOTAL	390 DIFFERENCE
AXLE 2 N/S 780 TOTAL AXLE 2 O/S 760 U	RECHTS
TOTAL SERVICE	% FRONT 12% PARK BRAKE 21%
BRAKES	
TECTEDO NAME	DATE 15-17-7008 1900
TESTERS NAME	

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Licensing/BS

02 May 2008

Dear Sir

On the 14th of April 2008 your Hackney Carriage Y261 KNF underwent its periodic safety check at the Council garage. The inspection revealed major deficiencies with the vehicle's suspension and steering. The paintwork/bodywork on both sides of the vehicle also did not meet the Council's standards.

These are faults which should have been picked up during any pre-test check undertaken by your garage. I must remind you that the Council test must not be used simply as a means of identifying faults. The vehicle must be presented in a condition in which all obvious mechanical and bodywork repairs have been rectified.

As this vehicle has failed it's last six safety inspections I must warn you that should it fail again on any item that should have been identified by a pre test check, the matter will be referred to the Council's Regulatory Panel where the options available to the members include the suspension or revocation of both you HC driver and vehicle licences,

The Council's testing station has informed my department that they found the bodywork not to meet the required standard and allowed 14 days for this to be rectified. This work should now have been completed and I would ask that you present this vehicle to my Licensing Officer at the Civic Centre for inspection within 2 working days of receiving this letter. If the work has not been done would you please lodge the plate with my Licensing Officer until the vehicle has successfully passed its inspection.

Yours faithfully

Licensing Manager



- At all times the Proprietor shall during the currency of the licence keep in force in relation to the user of the vehicle as a hackney carriage a policy of insurance or security complying with the provisions of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act, 1988, which covers third party liability both in respect of physical injury or death and in respect of damage to personal belongings, and a current copy of the said certificate shall be lodged with the Licensing Section in The Civic Centre, Carlisle.
- Should the said certificate or cover note lapse, the Proprietor shall within seven days produce a valid certificate to the Licensing Section at The Civic Centre, Carlisle. Failure to comply with the provisions of Condition 6 and this condition shall result in the automatic suspension of this licence.
- The Proprietor shall not cause or suffer or permit to be conveyed in the vehicle a greater number of persons exclusive of the driver than the number of persons specified in this licence.
- A 1.0kg dry powder fire extinguisher of the stored pressure type shall be securely fitted in the boot/luggage compartment of the vehicle and shall be kept in good working order at all times. A fully equipped first aid box complying with the provisions of the Community Bus Regulations 1978 shall be carried at all times.
- The vehicle shall be clean and tidy and maintained in good mechanical and roadworthy condition at all times. The bodywork shall be uniform and free from any rust or damage, the paintwork shall be of a good overall colour match and the exterior and interior trim complete and undamaged. The vehicle shall at all times carry a spare wheel of which the tyre must be correctly inflated and meet the current legal tyre depth requirements together with the necessary tools and equipment to enable it to be fitted quickly and efficiently. Spacesaver type wheels must not be used whilst the vehicle is carrying passengers. Any puncture, repaired by means of a self-inflating sealing spray, must be repaired permanently as soon as practicable and in any case within 24 hours of it's occurrence. The engine must be of an adequate size and be maintained in a serviceable condition to enable it to carry a full load of passengers and luggage.
 - (b) Any equipment fitted to the vehicle, used for the purpose of lifting a wheelchair into the vehicle, must have been tested in accordance with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment regulations 1998 during the 6 months prior to being first licensed and at each subsequent renewal, and be so certified.
 - 11 The proprietor shall, at all times, cause his vehicle to be furnished with an accurate and efficient continuous odometer equipped with clear and legible figures. A trip-meter does not satisfy this condition.
 - The current table of fares as fixed from time to time by the Council shall be exhibited inside the carriage and the Proprietor shall not cause the fares table to be concealed or rendered illegible at any time while the vehicle is plying for hire or being used for hire.

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60.— Suspension and revocation of vehicle licences.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in the <u>Act of 1847</u> or in this Part of this Act, a district council may suspend or revoke, or (on application therefor under <u>section 40</u> of the Act of 1847 or <u>section 48</u> of this Act, as the case may be) refuse to renew a vehicle licence on any of the following grounds:—
 - (a) that the hackney carriage or private hire vehicle is unfit for use as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle;
 - (b) any offence under, or non-compliance with, the provisions of the Act of 1847 or of this Part of this Act by the operator or driver; or
 - (c) any other reasonable cause.
- (2) Where a district council suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any licence under this section they shall give to the proprietor of the vehicle notice of the grounds on which the licence has been suspended or revoked or on which they have refused to renew the licence within fourteen days of such suspension, revocation or refusal.
- (3) Any proprietor aggrieved by a decision of a district council under this section may appeal to a magistrates' court.

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^{1.} Words of enactment omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), s. 3

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