

Motions and Amendments

Regulatory Committee

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Main Council Chamber - City Chambers

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Regulatory Committee

21 June 2024

Item 8.2 - Age Limitations & Emissions Standards for Taxis & Private Hire Cars – Annual Update

Committee

1. Notes the expiry of the temporary extension to the Age Limitations policy for Euro 6 and CVRAS retrofitted Euro 5 taxi and PHC vehicles introduced in May last year.
2. Notes that many vehicles that are over ten years old, from date of first registration, struggle to pass MOT tests when first presented for test at the Taxi Examination Centre.
3. Committee therefore agrees to delete 1.1.3 and replace it with the following:
 - 1.1.3 Requests officers to advise on options that might encourage better maintenance of older vehicles, in particular vehicles aged over 10 years, to ensure that they are in roadworthy condition when operated for hire.
 - 1.1.4 Requests the Hire Car Trade Working Group to bring forward proposals on Age & Emissions policy, for consideration at the December meeting of the committee, that further encourage the transition to a zero emissions public hire fleet in the city.
 - 1.1.5 Agrees to continue the temporary age policy extension to allow any Euro 6 and CVRAS retrofitted Euro 5 Taxi or PHC to be subject to a 14-year age limit to operate in the city until the committee receives a further report on this matter. This age limit is subject to meeting normal conditions about roadworthiness and 6 monthly compliance tests from the vehicle's 10th anniversary. This will allow a vehicle to be submitted for test prior to the 14th

anniversary of its registration for renewal of licence and can continue to operate until the expiry of that licence period.

Moved by: Councillor Neil Ross

Seconded by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Amendment by the SNP Group

Regulatory Committee

21 June 2024

Item 8.3 – Licensing Training Taxi and Private Hire Drivers

Replaces 1.1.2 with:

Agrees that, where drivers have failed to comply with mandatory training, granting a licence for a six-month period with a condition requiring them to complete the training by the end of that period, as outlined at 4.17.1 in the report.

Further adds:

1.1.2.1 When drivers fail to do the training, within the six-month period, the application is considered to be incomplete and returned to the applicant.

Moved by: Councillor Martha Mattos-Coelho

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Regulatory Committee

21 June 2024

Item 8.3 - Licensing Training: Taxi and Private Hire Drivers

Committee

1. Notes that the intermediate training for existing licensed taxi and PHC drivers started in November 2023.
2. Notes that concerns have been raised about the cost and timing of, and access to, intermediate training for existing drivers.
3. Notes that concerns have also been raised about certification given for intermediate training.
4. Notes that Scottish Government Guidance recommends training for Licensed Drivers as best practice.

Therefore, committee agrees to add to the recommendations the following new points -

- 1.1.4 Reaffirms that the provision of training is a key priority for the Council and is necessary to drive up standards for all sectors of licensed drivers.
- 1.1.5 Given eight months of operation of the intermediate training course, officers are requested to review the course to consider:
 - i) whether any parts of the course could be provided at times and in ways that provide more choice and flexibility to participants to encourage attendance; and
 - ii) whether certification could be enhanced for the course, for example, for the First Aid training.
- 1.1.6 In addition to 1.1.3 above, agrees that the charges for training should be reviewed and set at levels that aim to, at a minimum, cover the relevant costs. Training costs and income should be identified and reported to committee, as part of the normal taxi and PHC licensing fees review, so that any adjustments to fees can be considered.

1.1.7 Agree to implement the option at 4.17.1, where drivers have failed to comply with mandatory training, consideration will be given to granting a licence for a six-month period with a condition requiring them to complete the training by the end of that period.

Moved by: Councillor Neil Ross
Seconded by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

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