

## URGENT DECISION FORM



**TO BE UPLOADED ON TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

<b>Date:</b> 14 July 2020	<b>Ref No:</b>
<b>Type of Decision:</b>	
<b>Cabinet Decision</b>	<b>Council Decision</b>
<b>Key</b>	<b>Non-Key</b>
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<b>Subject matter:</b> Request to extend all current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licences by 3 months beyond their current expiry date which are due for renewal between the dates 1/6/2020 and 31/3/2021 and to move forward by 3 months all 6 monthly scheduled interim vehicle tests scheduled between 1/7/20 to 30/9/20	
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b> The decisions required are council matters that should be approved by council decision which is delegated to Licensing and Safety Panel. The next scheduled meeting is 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and these matters need to be implemented urgently to vehicle licences due for renewal not to lapse and interim tests to be rescheduled.  Operational decision ref 185 suspended the testing of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles by 3 months between the period of 31st March and the 30th June 2020, the licensing service have moved all scheduled interim and renewal tests forward by three months. This was approved on the 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.  The licensing service in conjunction with Bradley Fold workshop, as part of their business continuity plans have reviewed the impact of the previous decision. This was to extend vehicle licences for 3 months that were due for renewal between 1/4/20 and 30/6/20. This decision has had the effect of moving forward all licences due to be renewed on by 3 months. Therefore each test due in April was moved to July, May to August and June to September. There are also a number of vehicle compliance tests scheduled appointments for vehicle interim tests already scheduled in the months of July –September.  The effect of this decision will mean a compound build of test appointments all cumulating during July – September that the testing garage may not have the capacity to carry out.  In addition, the interim tests that were scheduled for the vehicles that were inspected in January, February and March will be required to be extended for a 3 month period. Vehicle proprietors can make application to renew vehicle licences at least four weeks in advance of the vehicle licence expiring.  The government guidelines for a DVSA MOT test Certificate to be issued for a private car indicate that it must be tested once in a calendar year. The Government extension to all private cars for 6 months means a private vehicle will not be tested for 18 months. To alleviate any concerns regarding this request, by extending the certificate of compliance test for of licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles by three months this will ensure that every vehicle will have received a test within 9 months.	

In order to alleviate this backlog over the coming months it is requested that all vehicle licence tests due during this current financial year be extended by three months (both renewal and interim test). This will enable Bradley fold workshop to have capacity and accommodate the number of tests.

A review of this decision will be referred to the Licensing and Safety Panel at a date to be determined within this municipal year.

### **Freedom of Information Status**

#### **Equality Impact Assessment**

[Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? **If yes** – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]

NO

**Decision taken:** It is requested that consideration is given to extend all current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licences by 3 months beyond their current expiry date which are due for renewal between the dates 1/6/2020 and 31/3/2021 and to move forward by 3 months all 6 monthly scheduled interim vehicle tests scheduled between 1/7/20 to 30/9/20.

<b>Decision taken by:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Chief/Senior Officer/Cabinet Chair		
<b><i>After consultation with:</i></b>		
Cabinet Member (if a Key Decision) or Chair or Lead Member (as appropriate)		
If it is a Key Decision, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		
Opposition Leader or nominated spokesperson (Council Decision) or  Leader or Majority Group Member on Overview and Scrutiny Committee (if a Key Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		
Leader of second largest Opposition Group (if a Key/Council Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred		

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