

**REPORT FROM: REGENERATION SERVICES
ENGINEERING AND SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER**

TO: TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

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VEHICLE TESTING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider an amendment to the number of tests required for licensed vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to remove the requirement for a vehicle to have a four-month test and licence should a vehicle pass the following two taxi tests with no faults in any section.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable vehicle owners to improve the standard of vehicles over the duration of the licence.

BACKGROUND

1. At a meeting of this Committee in June 2011 and endorsed by the Executive in July 2011 the following resolution was agreed:

“That if a vehicle fails the garage taxi test, spot check or school spot check, with one or more serious faults, the number of tests per year be increased from two to three and they revert to a four-month licence. Serious faults would be steering and suspension, braking system and tyres/wheels.”

ISSUE

2. This policy was introduced in September 2011 and since then a large number of vehicles have failed on serious faults and gone onto a four-month licence and test. This condition stays for the duration of the life of the vehicle whilst it is a licensed vehicle.
3. A number of vehicle owners feel the present system is unfair, especially if there is only one fault on the test sheet and that they should be given a chance to improve the standard of

their vehicles being presented for testing and have the four-month licence and test condition removed.

CONCLUSION

4. To remove this condition would encourage vehicle owners to improve the standard of their vehicles over the duration of the licence.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: Tests are carried out once a year for vehicles less than three years old and twice a year for vehicles over three years old. For vehicles failing on serious faults, tests are carried out three times a year.

Financial: None arising directly from the report.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Taxi Licensing Committee on 16 June 2011.

Report to the Executive on 21 July 2011.