

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

**TO: TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE**

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## **VEHICLE REFUNDS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider a request that vehicle refunds be made when there is a full licence month remaining when a vehicle is taken off the road.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That no change be made to the vehicle refund procedure.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The current procedure is reasonable and there would be an increase in administrative work.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. A request was made at the last meeting for a refund of the licence fee should there be at least one full month of the vehicle licence remaining if the vehicle is taken off the road.

### **PRESENT PROCEDURE**

2. A refund is given if there are at least three months' licence fee remaining on a vehicle that is taken off the road, ie if a twelve-month licence fee is paid and the vehicle is taken off the road after seven months, the owner is entitled to a refund of five months of the licence fee.
3. As requested, the taxi licensing accounts for 2012/13 are attached for information.

### **CONCLUSION**

4. To issue a refund for one month's licence fee would see an increase in administration time as each refund has to be separately processed and inputted into the creditors system.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising directly from the report.

**Financial:** The current policy stems from reasonable use of operational efficiency/expediency. Whilst there would be a decrease in the licensing income, amending the policy would reduce the efficiency of the service provided whilst increasing the administrative cost.

**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**

Appendix: 2012/13 Taxi Licensing Accounts.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

## 2012/13 Taxi Licensing Accounts

## Taxi Licensing Account

	Actual 2004/05 £	Actual 2005/06 £	Actual 2006/07 £	Actual 2007/08 £	Actual 2008/09 £	Actual 2009/10 £	Actual 2010/11 £	Actual 2011/12 £	Unaudited 2012/13 £
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Equipment and Materials	6,585	4,720	7,164	6,270	7,640	7,270	18,930	8,310	7,830
Internal Market Charges	69,223	81,787	100,411	75,560	87,980	95,800	108,120	94,990	98,170
CRB Checks	3,024	3,823	6,338	5,980	7,030	7,560	7,370	8,310	8,280
Misc Exp				1,110	90	50	110	-	
Refunds				4,120	3,330	3,700	3,580	5,000	2,250
Total Expenditure	78,832	90,330	113,913	93,040	106,070	114,380	138,110	116,610	116,530
<b>Income</b>									
Log Books	(17)	(135)	(33)	-	-	-	-	-	
CRB Checks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,110)	(8,280)
Licensing Income	(93,326)	(89,763)	(97,125)	(104,826)	(106,390)	(105,300)	(110,390)	(113,130)	(114,660)
Total Income	(93,343)	(89,898)	(97,158)	(104,826)	(106,390)	(105,300)	(110,390)	(115,240)	(122,940)
Net Expenditure/(Income)	(14,511)	432	16,756	(11,787)	(320)	9,080	27,720	1,370	(6,410)
Cumulative Expenditure/(Income)	(14,511)	(14,080)	2,676	(9,110)	(9,430)	(350)	27,370	28,740	22,330