

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

**TO: TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE**

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**CONTRACT FOR THE TESTING OF PRIVATE HIRE  
VEHICLES AND HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To appoint garages for the testing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That a site visit be made to garages that have expressed an interest in the contract.
- (2) That following the site visits a special meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee be held to consider who should be awarded the testing contract.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To ensure a satisfactory level of consistency of testing and satisfactory working arrangements between the Council and the appointed garages.

**BACKGROUND**

1. The present contract for the testing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, awarded to Norfolk Street Garage and P & M Motors expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.
2. To find another suitable garage(s) to test our taxi fleet, MOT registered garages in the Borough have been asked, by letter, whether they wish to be considered as one of our appointed garages.
3. Each garage was asked to submit a tender in response to the following questions:-
  - (i) How much would you charge for a taxi test?
  - (ii) How much would you charge for a combined taxi/MOT test?
  - (iii) Are you able to carry out at least six tests per day if required?

- (iv) How many car parking spaces do you have for vehicles about to be tested?
- (v) Are you related to any taxi driver or have connections with any taxi company by means of servicing or repairing their vehicles? If the answer is YES, please supply details of the relationship and Taxi Company.

4. Seven garages from across the Borough have submitted a tender for consideration.

## **CONCLUSION**

5. Due to the number of tenders received a site visit it is recommended before a decision is made.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

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

**Financial:** The cost of the taxi test is paid direct to the garages by the vehicle owner.

**Legal:** A taxi test can be carried out no more than three times a year and the appointed garage must be in the Borough of Pendle.

**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 In the interests of public safety, licensed vehicles need to be as safe as possible and regular testing helps the Council aim towards this.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.

## **APPENDICES**

None.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None