

**REPORT FROM:** PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER

**TO:** TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- (1) To appoint garages for the testing of licensed vehicles for the next two year contract.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That a contract for the testing of licensed vehicles from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be awarded to Norfolk Street Garage, Rigg Street Motors and Lonsdale Street Garage.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) To ensure all licensed vehicles are tested to a safe standard for the safety of the public.
- (2) To ensure a satisfactory level of consistency of testing and satisfactory working arrangements between the Council and the appointed garages.

**ISSUE**

1. The garage contract for the testing of licensed vehicles expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

2. Three garages currently have the contract, Norfolk Street, Rigg Street Motors and Lonsdale Street all of Nelson.
3. An advert was placed in the Leader Times Series on 2<sup>nd</sup> March for MOT garages to express an interest in the testing of licensed vehicles and as a result three expressions were received and tender documents sent out.
4. Each garage was asked to submit a tender in response to the following:-
  1. How much would you charge for a taxi test?
  2. How much would you charge for a combined taxi/MOT test?  
Are you able to carry out at least six tests per day if required?
  3. Are you able to carry out at least six tests per day if required?
  4. How many car parking spaces do you have for vehicles about to be tested?
  5. How long has your garage been an approved MOT testing station?
  6. Are you related or do you have connections with any taxi driver/vehicle owner by means of financial or servicing/repairing their vehicles? If the answer is YES, please supply details.
  7. Please attach evidence of your current and previous site assessments carried out by DVSA.
  8. Please attach details of all MOT testers who would be carrying out taxi tests.
5. Three garages submitted a tender which is attached as appendix 1.

## **CONCLUSION**

A site visit is usually carried out by members, prior to a contract being awarded, but as the three garages who have submitted tenders are already carrying out the testing and there are no issues with the garages it is felt a visit is not necessary.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Policy:</b>	None
<b>Financial:</b>	The cost of the taxi test is paid direct to the garages by the vehicle owner.
<b>Legal:</b>	The appointed garage must be in the Borough of Pendle.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None

**Health and Safety:** None

**Sustainability:** None

**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

<b>Garages who submitted a tender</b>	<b>Norfolk Street, Nelson</b>	<b>Rigg Street Motors, Nelson</b>	<b>Lonsdale Street Garage, Nelson</b>
How much would you charge for a taxi test?	£35 for cars £45 over 3000kg (vans)	£30	£35
How much would you charge for a combined taxi/MOT test?	£45	£40	345
Are you able to carry out at least six tests per day if required?	YES	YES	YES
How many car parking spaces do you have for vehicles about to be tested?	14 OFF ROAD AT THE GARAGE & 45 OFF ROAD ACROSS THE ROAD	15	2
How long has your garage been an approved MOT testing station?	26 YEARS	31 YEARS	4 YEARS
Are you related or do you have connections with any taxi driver/vehicle owner by means of financial or servicing/repairing their vehicles? If the answer is YES, please supply details.	NO, SERVICING CARRIED OUT FOR TAXI CUSTOMERS BUT NOT ON A REGULAR BASIS	NO	NO
Please attach evidence of your current and previous site assessments carried out by DVSA.	18/10/17 GREEN STATUS	13/10/16 GREEN STATUS	07/02/18 GREEN STATUS
Norfolk Street Garage, Nelson Please attach details of all MOT testers who would be carrying out taxi tests	IMRAN ASLAM ADNAN ASLAM	AFAQ AHMED IQBAL AHMED	MOHAMMAD A ZAMIR TANVEER BUTT