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TO: TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

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VEHICLE AGE LIMITS FROM COUNCILS ACROSS LANCASHIRE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report on standards and age limits from across other Lancashire councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That the age limits and standards be considered with particular focus being placed on any positive/negative impacts to changing our age limit.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To establish whether any changes are required to our age limit policy.

BACKGROUND

1. At the last meeting of this Committee, members asked for a report on what other authorities had in place relating to the age of vehicles with particular focus being placed on any positive/negative impacts to changing age-limits.

ISSUES

2. The standards and age limits of Lancashire Councils is outlined in Appendix 1 which is attached to this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The taxi licensing policy adopted on 1 April 2022 will require updating if any changes to the age limit is made.

Financial: There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal: There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Risk Management: There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report

Health and Safety: There are no health and safety implications arising directly from this report

Sustainability: There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report

Community Safety: There are no community safety implications arising directly from this report

Equality and Diversity: There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report

Appendix 1

Pendle	No more than 12 years old when first licensed or on renewal or if manufactured or adapted to allow for wheelchair accessibility, electric or Euro 6 no more than 15 years
Hyndburn	No upper age limit, under the age of 15 when first presented for licensing. After 15 years tested and licensed every 4 months apart from hybrid/electric vehicles.
Blackburn with Darwen	No age limit
Rossendale	5 years old from first registration. Allow vehicles up to 7 years of age so long as they comply with the current Euro standards for emissions. Then the vehicle can be licensed up to 10 years of age for a vehicle and 12 years of age for a minibus.
Ribble Valley	No upper age limit, licenses issued on age of the vehicle: Vehicle under 3 years old – 12 months, over 3 years old but less than 7 years – 6 months and vehicles over 7 years – 4 months.
Blackpool	No more than 14 years when first licensed, beyond 14 years if exceptional quality for existing vehicles.
Chorley	All vehicles have to be Euro Emissions 5 stars and NCAP Safety rating of 4 stars.
Fylde	No older than 12 years
Preston	No age limit
West Lancs	No older than 15 years
Wyre	Determined on minimum emissions standards Euro 4 emission limits (petrol), CO-1.0g/km, HC – 0.10g/Km, NOx-0.08 and PM – no limit Euro 6 emission limits (diesel), CO-0.50g/km, HC+NOx – 0.17g/km, NOx – 0.08g/km, PM-0.005g/km and PM – 6.0x10 ⁻¹¹ /km
South Ribble	No older than 4 years, when first presented for licensing and continue to 8 years. Euro 6 rating no more than 6 years, when first presented for licensing and continue to 12 years.
Lancaster	No age limit at present. With effect from January 2025 will only issue a new vehicle licence in respect of petrol/hybrid, diesel vehicles which are Euro 6 compliant or zero emissions. With effect from January 2030 will only issue a new vehicle licence in respect of vehicles that are zero emission.
Burnley	See attached.