

**COMMITTEE:** CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 26 APRIL 2010  
**TITLE:** AMENDED CONDITIONS FOR STRETCH LIMOUSINE POLICY  
**PURPOSE:** FOR DECISION  
**AUTHOR:** HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

### **BACKGROUND**

A report which was submitted to the Licensing Committee on 17 August 2004 establishing a policy for stretch limousines is attached. You will note from the report that the licence is similar to the one given to a private hire vehicle, namely for a period of no more than 10 years. However, we have received requests to review the policy with regards to restricting to 10 years old, chiefly because these vehicles do not do the same amount of mileage as is generally done by the normal private hire vehicles.

We are currently reviewing our hackney and private hire conditions in general, in order to reflect the changes which are occurring within the industry. Because of the need for us to ensure that any changes meet the requirements; the need to consult, and to reflect the fact that one of our main officers in the field has been absent for some time due to illness, we are not currently in a position to present a report to the Committee.

### **THE WAY FORWARD**

We have to acknowledge, in considering these vehicles that they do not do the levels of mileage generally done by the normal private hire vehicle and there is room to treat them differently. Therefore, to try and resolve the current situation, the Committee is asked to add an additional condition to the current policy.

In response to discussion with the National Limousine and Chauffeurs Association, we recommend extending the consent for vehicles over 10 years old so long as they meet all the current conditions and in addition receive mechanical tests every 10 weeks, which equates to 5 tests a year.

### **CONSULTATION**

In addition to the discussions with the National Limousine and Chauffeur Association, we have also discussed with representatives of the industry locally, and they are satisfied with this exception to allow such vehicles to receive a licence if they are over 10 years old, so long as they receive 5 mechanical tests per annum, approximately 10 weeks apart.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is asked to approve the report to include this additional condition to the present policy for Stretch Limousines.