

AMENDMENT TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE CONDITION NUMBER 2

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Summary: To request Members to consider amending the condition on hackney carriage vehicles relating to the identification stripes.

Recommendation:	That hackney carriage vehicle condition number 2 be amended in accordance with paragraph 2.1.
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Resource Implications:

LA 21 Implications: None.

Rural Implications: None.

**Crime & Disorder Act
Implications:** None.

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** None.
- **Ward:** None.

Other Ward Implications: None.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 There is a condition attached to all hackney carriage vehicles relating to the display of magnetic/adhesive stripes on vehicles, which is causing some problems.

1.2 Condition number 2 states as follows: -

"Yellow/grey striped adhesive/magnetic strip displaying the word "Taxi" and containing the Copeland Borough Council crest shall be affixed from the inside front wheel arch to the inside rear wheel arch on both sides of hackney carriage vehicles, adhesive stripes to be obtained and purchased from the Council **PROVIDED THAT** this condition shall not apply to purpose built 'London Type' hackney carriage vehicles. The Council accepts no liability for any damage caused to any vehicle by the affixation or removal of the stripes."

1.3 Fixing the stripes from the inside front wheel arch to the inside rear wheel arch on both sides of the hackney carriage vehicle is proving difficult and impracticable on many designs of cars as the wheel arches are only a few inches in length making it difficult to affix and keep the stripes affixed to those parts of the vehicle.

1.4 The purpose of the identification stripes is to distinguish hackney carriages from private hire vehicles and this can be achieved just as effectively if the stripes are along the doors

on both sides of the vehicle.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is therefore recommended that condition 2 be amended to remove reference to the wheel arches and refer only to the vehicle doors and to read: -

"A yellow/grey striped adhesive/magnetic strip displaying the word "Taxi" and containing the Copeland Borough Council crest shall be affixed along the complete length of all the doors on both sides of the vehicle, adhesive stripes to be obtained and purchased from the Council **PROVIDED THAT** this condition shall not apply to purpose built 'London Type' hackney carriage vehicles. The Council accepts no liability for any damage caused to any vehicle by the affixation or removal of the stripes."

List of Background Documents: None

List of Consultees: