

## Update for the General Purposes Licensing Committee on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024



During its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolved to:

1. Request that the Chair of the General Purposes Licensing Committee calls on the Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies on behalf of the Committee:
  - i. Urging the provisions of services and mechanic staffing required to carry out maintenance and service work for low emission and/or electric vehicles;
  - ii. **Delegate the Licensing Officers to deliver a report setting out key actions undertaken for update at the Committee's next meeting.**

*Key Actions:*

- *ODS now have two LEVC certified technicians who can complete the maintenance, service, or any other works on the OCC licenced LEVC (ULEV) Hackney Carriage Vehicles.*
- *With the currently 34 licenced LEVC Hackney Carriages and two certified technicians, there is no substantial waiting time compared to any other licenced Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle.*

2. Request that the Chair of the General Purposes Licensing Committee calls on the Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy and Partnerships on behalf of the Committee to:
  - i. Incorporate in the City Centre Action Plan (CCAP) a systematic dissemination of effective city-wide messaging to educate the public on useful taxi information (such as distinctions between Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles) and thereby bolstering support for the trade;
  - ii. **Request a report from Licensing Officers setting out key actions undertaken for update at the Committee's next meeting.**

*Key Actions:*

- *The Licensing officer met with the Oxford City Centre Manager to discuss the appropriateness of the CCAP for this information, and other methods of systematic dissemination of city-wide messaging.*
- *It was agreed that the CCAP is not the most appropriate location as it is focussed on specific projects, within specific timeframes with project leads, however, the General Licensing team will now liaise with project leads on the existing CCAP projects to advise on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire matters to ensure any information relating to public transport, Hackney Carriages or Private Hires are accurate.*

- *The appropriate location for systematic dissemination of information would be the 'Oxford City Centre Update – Oxford City Council's business newsletter'. Licensing officers will write articles on useful taxi information, such as the distinction between Hackney Carriages and Private Hires, and these articles will be published in the monthly newsletter.*

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