



Derby City Council
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Trade Meeting
Thursday, 23 April 2026 – 10.30am
Council House, Derby
MINUTES

No	Agenda Item	Who	Actions
1	<u>Introductions/Apologies</u> Note: confirmation of attendees required prior to future meetings Minutes from October ACTION - AMR to check actions from PG from previous meeting	AMR	Trade PG
2	(DHA) Annual Licence Fee Increase - Members not happy about proposed charging increase due to cost of living and other increased costs. Pop Gill (PG) confirmed there had been a delay with implementation and that the proposal will be put back before Committee in June 2026. Until then, the fees remain the same. PG explained that that the costs must cover the service and cross-subsidisation cannot occur. David Wilson raised the issue of 'double charging' on operator audits. PG advised that the operator fee was under review. AMR confirmed that fees are relevant to the terms of the licence to be appropriated and not double counted. Osmaston Road Taxi Rank Enforcement Discussed the constant issues and that enforcement was 'no good'. Requested increase in enforcement so they can get on the rank. Julie Warner (JW) from Parking Services asked the trade for confirmation of the times and explained that it was not possible to have someone permanently on the rank. Extra patrols will be arranged for sensitive times when available but they have to manage the whole city. Trade want delivery drivers written to by Traffic Management regarding not being allowed in taxi		

	ranks. JW advised that there was no stopping signs but that they could not be altered as they were prescribed ACTION: trade to update Julie Warner with times of concern to assist in her allocating officers DATOA Emergency Tariff Review – advised that it would still require to be passed by Committee as they set the Tariff after being approached by the Hackney Carriage Trade with the request which will include calculations. There was mention of a process used by Mid-Sussex and Manchester and PG advised he will speak to the Chair and Vice Chair Taxi Vehicle Age Limit Proposal to move away from the 15-year upper age limit for HCs – rank work declining and replacements difficult to obtain. Also ECVC – no appeal, service history, carried out internally, should not be checked by officers, raises equality issues. AMR advised that there was no plan at present to revisit the age policy as it had not long been under consideration. AMR explained that the ECVC was carried out in a car park as it was a visual check not under MOT conditions, the officer was fully qualified to do so, the issue of the lack of appeal was listed in the consultation but not raised. David Wilson confirmed that the right of appeal would be included in the refusal notice and was delegated to the Magistrates’ Court. PG said DfT Guidance is that and although it mentions the use of age limits, it is purely ‘guidance’. Vehicle Colour Policy Drivers want choice, yellow, black, yellow/black AMR advised this would need a full policy change with consultation and would be seen as unfair to those who have already taken steps to comply. DATA ECVC – criteria set up to fail as claiming things as stone chips. PG advised that conditions are being reviewed in June and that it may be looked at. AMR explained that it was carried out in a car park as it was a visual check not under MOT conditions Door Check Strap Failures by Enforcement During Spot Checks DB advised it's always been a requirement of DCC that they should work properly and explained that they should hold a door open at two different stages of its movement and that they are a safety item and designed to prevent injury to someone being hit by a door swinging shut unexpectedly when somebody is getting in/out and being	DB	
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	hit by the door. Every vehicle manufacturer fitting them to every car built which emphasizes their importance. Lee Roach LR) quoted the Supplementary Testing Manual which states that - 'Wind-checks which fail to hold the doors in place when opened' is a failure item but did not name any MOT station in particular. DB also confirmed that it is only when they cross the threshold of being in imminent danger is the licence suspended. ACTION – DB to contact MOT stations and find out how many complaints regarding door straps Seek Clarification on the Correct policy Wording for New Lower 9-Year-Old Age Limits on Private Vehicles ACTION – AMR to check website is up to date with the new limits All outstanding matters will be deferred to the next meeting unless they have been already been dealt with in previous meetings.		
3	Any other business ACTION: AMR to add to July agenda Standing Item – Reminder to pass on information from this meeting to your trade members. AMR explained importance and approval confirmed by trade	AMR	
4	Next meeting: 2 September 2026 @ 10.30am Council House	ALL	



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