

Recommended Item from Licensing Committee held on 1st August 2012.

281. AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer presented the report seeking authorisation of officers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 due to the recent decision to test Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles at the Riverside Depot.

It was noted that administration staff were included in order for them to be able to call in vehicles for testing, when necessary.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman and seconded by Councillor R. Turner

RECOMMENDED that the staff identified in Schedule 1 below, be authorised under Section 68 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Schedule 1

Officers to be authorised under Section 68 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Geoff Allcock	Licensing & Enforcement Officer
Glenn Fowers	Enforcement & Admin Officer
Pam Burrows	Depot & Resources Manager
Dawn Cooper	Admin Assistant (Garage)
Alric Bwye	Mechanic
Christopher Yarnall	Mechanic
John Arkinstall	Mechanic
Andrew Troke	Mechanic

(Licensing and Enforcement Officer/Democratic Services Officer)

Committee:	Licensing Committee	Agenda Item No.:	6.
Date:	1 st August 2012	Category	
Subject:	Authorisation of Officers	Status	Open
Report by:	Licensing and Enforcement Officer.		
Other Officers involved:	Principal Solicitor		
Director	Health & Wellbeing		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor D McGregor Portfolio Holder for Corporate Efficiencies		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure through the testing of Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriages to assert their fitness to be used as such.

TARGETS

Not applicable

VALUE FOR MONEY

Not applicable

THE REPORT

In order to carry out certain duties under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 it is necessary for Officers acting on behalf of the Council are authorised to carry out their duties.

The testing of Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriages will, in the near future, be carried out at the Riverside Depot, Doe Lea by staff at the depot.

Section 68 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states: -

‘Any authorised officer of the council (authorised officer” means any officer of a district council authorised in writing by the council for the purposes of this Part of this Act) in question or any constable shall have power at all reasonable times to inspect and test, for the purpose of ascertaining its fitness, any hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licensed by a district council, or any taximeter affixed to such a vehicle, and if he is not satisfied as to the fitness of the hackney carriage or private hire vehicle or as to the accuracy of its taximeter he may by notice in writing require the proprietor of the hackney carriage or private hire vehicle to make it or its taximeter available for further inspection and testing at such reasonable time and place as may be specified in the notice and suspend the vehicle licence until such time as such authorised officer or constable is so satisfied’.

It is therefore necessary for the persons listed in Schedule 1 to this report to be authorised to undertake these duties.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are requested to determine the authorisations as outlined in the body of the report.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial :	None
Legal :	Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Licensing Committee must authorise officers to carry out functions within the Act.
Environmental:	None
Human Resources :	None

RECOMMENDATION;

That Members' authorise the staff identified in Schedule 1 to this report under Section 68 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

ATTACHMENT:	No
FILE REFERENCE:	N/A
SOURCE DOCUMENT:	Section 68 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

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