

PROPOSED WORDING OF NEW CONDITIONS

(To be added to both the existing local taxi policy for the former West Somerset area and the existing local taxi policy for the former Taunton Deane area):

Licensing of motor tricycles as private hire vehicles:

Applications for the licensing of motor tricycle vehicles as private hire vehicles may be considered by the Licensing Officer where the following criteria can be met.

The vehicle must:

- (a) comply with Road Vehicles Construction and Use regulations for this type of vehicle and must have passed an MOT at an approved MOT testing station. The proprietor of the motor tricycle must present the vehicle every 12 months thereafter.
- (b) be equipped with passenger head restraints as part of its standard design and construction.
- (c) be fitted with suitable safety belts which meet approved BSI standards to provide an additional level of safety.
- (d) be insured and a certificate or cover note which is current must be provided upon application and renewal of the licence. Certificates will only be accepted if Hire and Reward or Private Hire is stated.

The following additional conditions must be adhered to at all times that a licensed motor tricycle is in operation as a private hire vehicle:

- (a) The vehicle operator must ensure that all passengers are wearing suitable protective clothing at all times.
- (b) No passenger must be below the height of 165cm.
- (c) No passenger must be below the age of 14 years.
- (d) The private hire motor tricycle vehicle shall carry no more than 2 passengers at any one time.
- (e) All vehicles will be required to have a licence plate affixed to the bodywork and displayed in accordance with the standard private hire vehicle requirements of the Council.
- (f) The vehicle must be equipped with two-way radio communication equipment (with headsets) which allows constant means of communicating between the driver and passengers throughout the duration of a journey.
- (g) A fire extinguisher shall be carried at all times on the vehicle and maintained.
- (h) A first aid kit which complies with the guidance in the Vehicle Licensing Criteria shall be carried at all times and maintained.