

Request for Deputation

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Licensing Committee meeting 8th March 2016

Agenda Item 6.1 (Motion by Councillor Hutchison)

The action I wish the Committee to take is to

There is division within the trade regarding the wheelchair accessible policy that is coming in to effect in June 17. This motion is for further consultation in to whether this is the correct thing to do. We have been here before hence the 2017 decision that is in place.

There are obligations that the council have to meet and there are grievances that the trade have over this but some years ago now it was decided on 2017 being the time for change. Currently there are 54% (or 545) of the City fleet wheelchair accessible and I suppose the big question is “is this enough”.

I am not sure of the answer but the one thing that I do know is that there are already a lot of drivers that have surrendered their saloon Hackney licences to put a wheelchair accessible vehicles on to the road and they would be correct to have a very large grievance if the 2017 ruling was overturned.

We would ask what members of this committee hope to gain if further consultation takes place and make sure that whatever is agreed upon is 100% watertight in law.

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