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Ref: Age Of Vehicles

Dear Convenor,

The above issue went to TCG on the 1st March 16 and below is what was resolved.

The Consultation Group resolved:

(i)that officers check current legislation and investigate the procedures involved in changing from a taxi licence to a private hire car licence and report back to the Licensing Committee; and

(ii)that it would suggest to the Licensing Committee no action be taken on the age of vehicles being transferred at this stage.

We feel current age limits still have to be enforced as surely it is confusing enough that we are already looking at 2017 without putting something else in the mix for all who are trying to make the transition.

We would ask the question of why we would put in an interim measure instead of looking for a permanent solution to the age of vehicle. It is still felt that if you increase the ages that the standard of the fleet would drop. If a driver has a car that does not fit current legislation they can apply to the council to see whether or not it can be passed (this can be heard on a case by case basis by ACC).

Why are we looking at changing the age limits?

Point four of the recommendations seems to be favourable to the taxi driver but is this the best decision for a vehicle going in to the public transport system in Aberdeen City?

It seems that we are changing for changing sake and the question that has to be asked is, is this the best action to take in keeping the standard of the fleet high?

Regards

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