

**PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 6 February 2018**

**Report of the Head of Regulatory Services**

**APPROVAL OF MTC 33 DUAL CAMERA CCTV SYSTEM IN HACKNEY  
CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES LICENSED BY CARDIFF  
COUNCIL**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 An application has been received from Mr Alan Jones of Matrix Telematics, Matrix House, Merlin Court, Atlantic St, Altrincham WA14 5NL for approval to install the MTC 33 Dual Camera CCTV System in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the authority.
- 1.2 There are already a number of CCTV systems approved for use in vehicles licensed by the authority, including the AutoCam CCTV system that was approved on 9 October 2007, the Visual Integrated Systems CCTV system that was approved on 7 July 2009, and the IKAB XTON CCTV system that was approved on 8 December 2009.
- 1.3 At the meeting of 7 July 2009 Members also resolved that authority be delegated to the Chief Strategic Planning and Environment Officer and the Operational Manager (Licensing and Public Protection) to approve CCTV systems for use in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the authority. However, these positions no longer exist within the authority.
- 1.4 Hackney Carriage vehicle licence condition number 4 and private hire vehicle licence condition number 5 require that no fittings, except those approved by the Council shall be attached to the inside or outside of the vehicle.
- 1.5 The applicant has been requested to provide a vehicle fitted with the equipment for inspection at the meeting.
- 1.6 Further details of the system are attached at Appendix A and B.

**2. Considerations.**

- 2.1 Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Condition 5.5 and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Condition 5a require that:

Interior CCTV equipment of a type previously approved by the Authority may be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, subject to:

- a) a sign indicated that recording equipment is in use being clearly displayed within the vehicle, and;
- b) all images downloaded from the camera being made available to the Police, upon request, for up to 28 days following download of the images.

2.2 As the principle of permitting such equipment in licensed vehicles is already established, it is also recommended that the approval of such equipment should be delegated to officers in future.

### **3. Achievability**

3.1 This report contains no equality personnel or property implications.

### **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 The Committee may attach such conditions to a hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licence as it considers reasonably necessary. If the Committee were minded to approve the application then the appropriate condition would need to be established to permit the installation of the equipment.

4.2 All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council eg. standing orders and financial regulations; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

### **5. Financial Implications.**

5.1 The licensing service is required to be self-financing with all expenditure being met from fees and charges which are reviewed annually. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Should the Committee approve the device it will be a matter for the discretion of individual vehicle owners to fit it to their vehicle at their expense.

### **6. Recommendation**

6.1 That the application for approval of the use of MTC 33 Dual Camera CCTV System equipment in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the authority be determined on its merits.

6.2 That authority be delegated to the Head of the Shared Regulatory Services and the Operational Manager of Neighbourhood Services to approve future CCTV

systems for use in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the authority.

**Dave Holland**

**HEAD OF SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES**

This report has been prepared in accordance with procedures approved by Corporate Managers.

Background Papers: None