

Appendix C

Age/Emission Policy Guidelines



Emissions Standards

The Council is committed to improving air quality and reducing the amount of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide (NOx) and other harmful substances emitted to the atmosphere from motor vehicles. In order to achieve this it is vital that the most polluting vehicles are phased out of service whilst recognising that there is an impact on the use of natural resources to manufacture new ones. To this end, the life of vehicles used as hackney carriage and private hire vehicles will be time limited as follows and Exhaust emission standards will be continually reviewed with a view to making on-going improvements in air quality.

These policy guidelines apply to all applications for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle licence, and for any vehicle that is replaced during a licence after **TBC**.

Fuel Type	Age for the grant of a new licence or for a replacement vehicle during a licence	12 month licence issued	6 month licence issued
Diesel/Petrol*	Must be under 5 years old and meet or exceed Euro 6 emission standards	Under 5 years old	5 years or older
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV)	Must be under 5 years old	Under 5 years old	5 years or older

*This includes hybrid vehicles

**Other alternative fuels will be considered, however, they will be required to meet the equivalent of the Euro 6 emission standard.