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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 5th April 2017**

Present: Councillor Cathy Scott (Chair)  
Councillor Mahmood Akhtar  
Councillor Karen Allison  
Councillor Gulfam Asif  
Councillor Richard Eastwood  
Councillor James Homewood  
Councillor Christine Iredale  
Councillor Mohan Sokhal  
Councillor Kath Taylor

Apologies: Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead  
Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik  
Councillor Michael Watson

#### **1 Membership of the Committee**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Michael Watson  
Councillor Michelle Grainger-Mead and Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik.

#### **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 13 December 2016 be approved as a correct record.

#### **3 Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **4 Admission of the Public**

The Committee considered the question of the exclusion of the public and determined that all the items be taken in public session.

#### **5 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations/petitions received.

**6 Public Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**7 Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA)**

The Committee considered a report in respect of the Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) and the options available for existing private hire/hackney carriage vehicle licence holders as an alternative to obtaining an IVA.

The Committee was advised that currently the Council requires all vehicles to pass a compliance test, conducted by the Council's own testing stations, before a vehicle licence is granted or renewed. This compliance test assesses the condition of the vehicle and not the design and construction of the vehicle or the safety of any conversions made to the vehicle.

Licensing authorities were advised that converted vehicles should have the conversion assessed because this aspect is not covered by the compliance test. The Council, currently licenses up to 66 vehicles that have undergone some form of conversion which will require assessing. As a result the Licensing Department has stipulated that all vehicles that have been subject to some form of conversion must obtain an IVA from VOSA.

The Committee was advised that officers had conducted research and determined that there were two viable options available for testing the safety and integrity of converted vehicles. The following options were presented to the Committee:

- i) Mandatory IVA for existing licensed vehicles, conducted by VOSA only costing £256.77 (Inc vat)
- ii) Freight Trade Association £130:00 and an additional £70:00 if the vehicle has a tail lift

Following questions from the Committee the Senior Licensing Officer agreed to seek clarification whether the fee associated with the Freight Trade Association included VAT?

**RESOLVED -**

That having considered both options the Committee determined that option two, Freight Trade Association be approved.