Supplementary Paper for Licensing Committee 8th November 2023 Taxi Task Group Feedback

The TTG met on 2nd November to consider the reports and trade representatives asked Members to consider the following comments:

Taxi Fee Report

That the trade would endorse the recommendation to agree fees remain unchanged for 2024 and incorporate the DBS costs into next year's fee review.

Taxi Policy Report

That Exceptional Condition 1 be amended to permit Euro 5 petrol, as well as Euro 6 diesel vehicles.

That consideration be given to combining the non-wheelchair accessible private hire vehicles (ie saloons, estates and all MPVs) into one category, subject to the large MPV age limits.

[NB – this would lead to non-Euro 6, diesel vehicles in the saloon, estate & small MPV category remaining on the fleet until 10 years of age]

To provide some benefit to non-EV hackneys, that the Hackney Carriage age limit be increased to 17 years for vehicles meeting Exceptional Condition 1.

That Members recognise that the unlimited upper age limit is for <u>all</u> wheelchair accessible vehicles meeting Exceptional Condition 2, ie both Hackney Carriage and Private Hire.