

## **EXCEPTIONAL AGE POLICY**

Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles licensed by Hyndburn Borough Council can continue to have their licences renewed for an additional 12 months.

If the licence holder wishes to continue to renew the vehicle licence after its standard working life then application can be made for a 12 month extension to the licence as follows:

- 1.** The owner of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle whose vehicle is approaching its age of vehicle expiry and would like an additional 12 month licence in accordance with the Exceptional Vehicle Age Policy will be required to notify the Licensing Authority in writing at least two months prior to the final expiry of the licence.
- 2.** Three four month licenses will be issued for the additional 12 months.
- 3.** Vehicles which are granted the additional 12 month licence must pass the vehicle fitness tests at the first attempt, i.e. no re test. Those vehicles which don't pass the test at the first attempt will not be licensed for the remainder of the 12 month period.
- 4.** The criteria detailed below are in addition to all current vehicle test criteria requirements.
- 5.** The Licensing Authority's test station shall be authorised to examine and approve the vehicle's mechanical condition in accordance with this policy.
- 6.** A duly authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or its nominee will undertake an inspection of the vehicle to assess its general condition and appearance in accordance with the criteria detailed below: -

### **Criteria**

- 1.** The vehicle must have a full, unbroken, continuous history of testing for its Certificate of Fitness
- 2.** In order for a vehicle to be considered suitable for a 12 month operating extension under this policy it must have prior to it's final licence expiry successfully have passed at the first attempt i.e. no re-test, for two of its last three fitness tests.
- 3.** The bodywork of the vehicle must be in near perfect condition with no dents, damage, scratch and/or stone chips, or corrosion being evident.
- 4.** Paintwork should be unblemished, professional e.g. no paint runs, and have a perfect colour match.
- 5.** The interior and exterior trim must be clean complete.
- 6.** All interior fittings must be in place and working.

- 7.** No excessive loose wiring should be evident hanging from the dashboard.
- 8.** All carpets, where provided, must be in a clean well-fitted and secure state with no worn areas.
- 9.** The boot and luggage compartment must be clean, uncluttered and watertight.