

## **Appendix 1**

### **Quality Control Policy Agreed By Eastbourne Borough Council's Full Licensing Committee On The 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009**

### **Quality Control Policy Applied to New Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences Released After 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

All new Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences released after 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 will only be released subject to the following terms and conditions. This Policy must be read in conjunction with Eastbourne Borough Council's Standard Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions and complied with prior to a hackney carriage proprietor licence being issued.

- (1) The vehicle shall include Council approved Accessible Vehicle signage.
- (2) Vehicles must hold "European Whole Vehicle Type Approval (EWVA)". The appropriate "Type Approval Certificate" must be made available for inspection to an Authorised Officer prior to being licensed and at any time thereafter.
- (3) Vehicles first presented for licensing must not be more than 12 months old from the first date of registration, and except in the case of manufacturer's purpose built vehicles, namely London Cab /TX vehicles, may not be presented for the purposes of renewing the licence beyond 7 years of age. The mileage of the vehicle being licensed under this Policy shall not exceed 20,000 miles at the time of the vehicle first being presented for licensing.
- (4) Vehicles presented for licensing must be fully wheelchair accessible, (WAV) side loading and capable of being licensed to carry 5, 6, 7 or 8 passengers.
- (5) The Hackney Carriage Proprietor licence granted under this policy and conditions may not be transferred to another individual or organisation within 12 months of the date of this issue, except where the licence holder is permanently relinquishing all Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licences issued by Eastbourne Borough Council.
- (6) A vehicle will only be licensed where it has met the criteria set out in the above conditions, forming the "Quality Control Policy." Any vehicle replacing one issued under this Policy and conditions must meet the same criteria.
- (7) New individuals issued with a licence under this policy are required to attend the VRQ2 (BTEC) course for Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire. Individuals must have passed this course within 12 months of being issued with a hackney carriage proprietor licence. This requirement shall also apply to journeymen seeking to operate under the terms of the licence.