

Briefing Note



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MOT AMENDMENT AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Regulatory Committee on a minor change of Taxi Policy and Procedure ('Policy') and the amount of enforcement action taken since lockdown was fully lifted in June 2021.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 1 January 2021, the Council moved from 'in-house' Taxi / Private Hire vehicle testing to private sector DVSA approved MOT testing. The Policy stated that MOTs had to be completed within 14 days of a vehicle licence expiry. However, this conflicted with another section of the Policy which stated that vehicle renewal applications should be made one month (31 days) prior to expiry.

3. Issue / Implications / Key Considerations

- 3.1 The transition from 'in-house' vehicle testing to MOTs has been successful with vehicle proprietors complying with Council requests to rectify advisory breaches (see table below). However, as the MOT certificate now forms part of the new online renewal application process it was not possible to submit it 31 days prior to expiry. The 31-day renewal period allows the administration team sufficient time to process applications prior to licence expiry. Therefore, MOTs need to be accepted within the 31 days of expiry and not 14.

4. Next Step

- 4.1 Prior to making this minor change to Policy the Head of Service, as outlined in the Policy, consulted (via the Lead Officer) the Chair / Vice-Chairs of the Regulatory Committee and Cabinet Member. The Chair / Vice-Chairs and Cabinet Member supported this change which came into effect on 13 September 2021.

5. MOT Actions since 1 January 2021

MOTs reviewed (Milton Keynes Council only)	923
Council actions from MOTs	149 (16.14%)

6. Enforcement Actions since 1 June 2021 (Milton Keynes Vehicles)

Vehicles inspected	1085
Licensing breaches only (policy/conditions) (plate/badge, doors sign, payment machine/stickers, roof sign, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, plying for hire, parking, driver standards etc)	397 (46.59%)
Mechanical breaches only (MOT) (tyres, taximeter, lights, body damage etc)	38 (3.5%)

7. Enforcement Actions since 1 June 2021 (Out of Town Vehicles)

Vehicles inspected	669
Licensing breaches only (policy/conditions) (plate/badge, door signs, plying for hire, parking, driver standards etc)	259 (38.71%)
Mechanical breaches only (MOT) (tyres, lights, body damage etc)	34 (5.08%)