

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (Taxi Policy)  
**(for Cabinet approval only)**

**11.5 Vehicle Testing**

- 11.5.1 Before a licence is granted the Council must be satisfied with the mechanical and safety suitability of a vehicle. All vehicles must undergo an annual MOT test from a DVLA approved local firm. The MOT test must be conducted within 14 days of any new application or renewal. On receipt of the MOT certificate (and advisory information) the vehicle will be further inspected by a council officer to ensure compliance with the Council's policy and vehicle conditions. Should the officer require any further works to be completed on the vehicle then the vehicle proprietor must comply with this request. Should, during the life of the vehicle licence, council officers have any concern over the vehicle's fitness then officers can suspend the vehicle licence and instruct the vehicle proprietor to correct the breach at the vehicle proprietor's expense.