

POLICY ON CORPORATE LICENCES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES

At its meeting on 3rd March 2016, the Licensing Committee agreed that existing Taxi Operators who held licences in their own name would be permitted to apply for a licence in a corporate name. The Corporate Licence would be granted conditional upon surrender of the existing licence and would also have a condition attached requiring an electric vehicle from the list approved by the City Council being placed on service and any future replacement vehicles would also require to be electric. Existing saloon car operators will have an approved list of electric saloon cars to choose from and WAV Operators a separate list of electric WAV's. Both lists are limited meantime but it is hoped that in time more vehicles will come on to the market.

The Procedure to follow is:

1. Set up a company or partnership;
2. Please note that if you set up a partnership with a total of only two partners, if one partner dies, or for any other reason stops being a partner, the partnership will cease to exist and your licence will fall.
3. Apply for a new Taxi Licence in the normal manner and either post it or hand it in to the Licensing Office at 20 City Square, together with a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the company or partnership agreement;
4. A fee of £230 is to be paid at time of lodging.
5. Usual checks on companies and individuals named as directors or partners will be carried out.
6. Applications will go before members.
7. Unless any statutory grounds for refusal apply, the Committee will grant the application attaching to it a condition that only an electric vehicle from the approved list can be placed on service as a taxi. As stated above, this will be on a like for like basis, i.e. saloon car for electric saloon car and WAV for an electric WAV. There will also be a condition suspending the coming into effect of the new licence until such time as the existing licence is surrendered;
8. The existing licence will therefore run on until such time as it is surrendered, which will be immediately prior to the electric taxi being tested by the garage.
9. Until the existing licence is surrendered, both licences will need to be renewed in May but only one fee will be charged.
10. The usual testing arrangements will apply.

See attached information on vehicles and charging points.