

LIVERY POLICY

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles



1.0 LIVERY REQUIREMENTS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

1.1 New Vehicle Livery Requirements

For all vehicles plated for the first time by the Council (including existing proprietors on the change of vehicle), proprietors will be required to comply with the following condition(s):

No vehicle shall be licensed as a Hackney carriage vehicle unless its paintwork/ bodywork are painted in manufacturers 'white' colour except for the bonnet and boot lid (rear door) which must be 'Green' in colour to colour code RAL – 6037 or "wrapped" in 3M Scotchcal Vinyl or equivalent vinyl to the same colour specification.

The paintwork/ bodywork must be professionally finished. Bare metal, primer paint, visible rust and perforations will not be permitted.

- 1.2 Each Hackney Carriage shall display signs on each door in accordance with the design approved and supplied by the Council. The sign shall be constructed of vinyl and be applied directly to the door.

2.0 Existing Licensing Vehicles

- 2.1 With effect from 01 May 2027, prospective hackney carriage vehicle proprietors on the transfer of an existing licence, or existing hackney carriage vehicle proprietors upon renewal of a current licence, will as part of that application, be required to comply with the uniform colour scheme:

The paintwork/ bodywork must be painted in manufacturers 'white' colour except for the bonnet and boot lid (rear door) which must be 'Green' in colour to colour code RAL – 6037 or "wrapped" in 3M Scotchcal Vinyl or equivalent vinyl to the same colour specification.

The paintwork/ bodywork must be professionally finished. Bare metal, primer paint, visible rust and perforations will not be permitted.

- 2.2 Each hackney carriage shall display signs on each door in accordance with the design approved and supplied by the Council. The sign shall be constructed of vinyl and be applied direct to the door.

3.0 Temporary Vehicles

- 3.1 Where a temporary vehicle licence is issued, an officer of the Council, may grant a temporary exemption from the Livery Policy, in all cases, the exemption will apply for a maximum period of 28 days and will be permitted on no more than on one occasion in any 12 month period.

- 3.2 Exceptional circumstances will only be considered where the vehicle change is unplanned and could not reasonably be foreseen by the applicant. Any fees relating to replacement plates, door signs etc. will be payable by the applicant.

4.0 Private Hire Vehicle requirements

- 4.1 A new vehicle presented for licensing as a Private Hire Vehicle may be of any colour other than white. From the date of implementation of this livery policy, no white private hire vehicle will be accepted for licensing under any circumstances.
- 4.2 From 01 May 2027, prospective private hire vehicle proprietors on the transfer of an existing licence, or existing private hire vehicle proprietors upon renewal of a current licence, must ensure, as part of that application, that the vehicle is any colour other than white.

5.0 Compliance with Livery Policy

- 5.1 Any licensed vehicle that fails to comply with the livery policy, once it applies to that vehicle, will be immediately suspended and subsequently not renewed unless or until the requirements of the livery policy have been complied with.