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**REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE - 17 JUNE 2020****PORTFOLIO: DEPUTY LEADER****REPORT FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES****SUBJECT: FLEXIBILITY TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS  
DUE TO COVID-19****1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 1.1 To allow an extension of 1 year for those vehicles listed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

**2 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 On 21 May 2020, David Milligan, Company Director of Access Anyone, requested some flexibility to the current conditions relating to the vehicle requirements agreed by the Appeals Committee.
- 2.2 Access Anyone run a school contract with Southend Borough Council. Currently the operations management of the contract is being transferred to a newly formed partnership between Southend Borough Council and an independent company called London Hire. This joint partnership is called Vecteo.
- 2.3 This transition, coupled with the COVID-19 situation, has made their plans moving forward more problematic and as a result Southend Borough Council has approached Access Anyone to extend their current contract for a further year until July 2021.
- 2.4 This contract with Southend Borough Council exceeds £30 000.
- 2.5 The fleet of licensed private hire vehicles by Access Anyone are now ageing with some of the vehicles reaching the vehicle age requiring vehicle replacement by the Licensing Team before the next renewal.
- 2.6 To allow Access Anyone to meet the demands of the contract, they have requested an extension of 1 year for those vehicles that should be replaced.
- 2.7 Due to the shortness of the extension and the clarity as to Vecteo's plans moving forward, it is not viable to invest in replacement rolling stock at this juncture. Should a more expansive contract be offered they would at that point make the necessary investment to replace the vehicles.

**3 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE, DRIVER, VEHICLE AND  
OPERATOR LICENCE CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 Condition 103.18 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Driver, Vehicle and Operator Licence Conditions states:

The vehicle must not be more than six years old when first licensed and will not be re-licensed if more than 12 years old from the date of registration.

#### 4 ACCESS ANYONE FLEET

4.1 The details of the fleet of vehicles owned by Access Anyone is outlined as follows:

| Plate No | Make     | Model   | Date of Registration | Circuit       | Age of Vehicle |
|----------|----------|---------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 865      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 01/05/2009           | ACCESS ANYONE | 11             |
| 830      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 17/07/2008           | ACCESS ANYONE | 11             |
| 875      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 22/05/2009           | ACCESS ANYONE | 11             |
| 821      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 01/11/2009           | ACCESS ANYONE | 10             |
| 856      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 12/02/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 10             |
| 872      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 17/11/2009           | ACCESS ANYONE | 10             |
| 873      | VAUXHALL | MOVANO  | 18/03/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 10             |
| 912      | FORD     | TRANSIT | 14/12/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 863      | PEUGEOT  | BOXER   | 10/05/2011           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 868      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 07/07/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 870      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 08/09/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 871      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 10/01/2011           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 874      | RENAULT  | MASTER  | 01/10/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 876      | PEUGEOT  | BOXER   | 14/09/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 877      | FORD     | TRANSIT | 01/11/2010           | ACCESS ANYONE | 9              |
| 911      | VAUXHALL | VIVARO  | 05/06/2013           | ACCESS ANYONE | 6              |

4.2 Access Anyone has confirmed they carry out preventative maintenance checks at 10-weekly intervals in addition to MOT's at 6-monthly intervals.

#### 5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are currently no alternative options available whereby they can fulfil the school contract without the use of these vehicles.

#### 6 RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None identified.

#### 7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None arising out of this report.

#### 8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.



LT Lead Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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