

FLEXIBILITY TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS DUE TO COVID-19

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For the Committee to determine whether to allow an extension of 1 year for those vehicles listed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 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 runs 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 3 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:
- 3.2 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

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The alternative option available to Members would be to refuse the extension for the vehicles; Access Anyone would have to consider whether they can meet the requirements of the contract with fewer vehicles.

6 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The only risk identified relates to the age of the vehicles. It needs to be acknowledged that ageing vehicles are more prone to breakdowns.
- 6.2 However, in order to minimise this risk Access Anyone has confirmed they carry out preventative maintenance checks on these vehicles at 10-weekly intervals in addition to MOT's being carried out on the vehicles at 6-monthly intervals.
- 6.3 A copy of a maintenance check report is attached.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no resource implications in respect of this decision.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no legal implications to this isolated request. This request is being considered due to extreme circumstances and is considered on its own merit and will not impact on any other licensed driver or vehicle.

9 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This decision relates to the transportation of children to and from school with disabilities. The decision of the Committee will impact on the number of vehicles available to the school for the safe passage of their students. By reducing the numbers of vehicles within the Access Anyone fleet, the number of students able to access school would need to decrease or for them to find alternative means of transportation to school.

10 RECOMMENDATION

- 10.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To grant the request by Access Anyone to license the vehicles for an extension of one year beyond the requirements outlined within Condition 103.18.



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Vehicle Reg	YJ59GKV (58)	Serviceable* (col 4) - enter the appropriate code	
Make / Model	RENAULT MASTER	Tick	Satisfactory
Operator	ACCESS ANYONE	X	Safety Item Defect (IMMEDIATE REPAIR REQUIRED)
		R	Repair Required
Date of Inspection	27/05/20	M	Monitor (Possible Maintenance required before next SC)
Mileage	63903	N/A	Not Applicable

Check No	IM Ref	Item Inspected	Serviceable	Defect Found	Rectified By
1	18	Check condition of drivers seat and security	✓		
2	3	Check seat belts and buckles for frays and damage, check operation of inertia, check SRS warning light operation	✓		
3	22	Check interior mirror and both wing mirrors for damage	✓		
4	23	Check windscreen for chips and cracks	✓		
5	24	Check tail lift for operation and condition	✓		
6	25	Check condition and operation of wipers and washers	R		NR
7	26	Check Speedo for operation	✓		
8	27	Check horn for operation and tone	✓		
9	28	Sit in vehicle and check for condition and wear to clutch pedal, gear selector, accelerator etc	✓		
10	30	Check steering wheel for wear and movement in top bearing/column	✓		
11	37	Check for brake pedal rubber present and for any excessive side play or movement in pedal	✓		
12	38	Check ABS light operation, check for pedal creeping excessively	✓		
13	36	Check operation and condition of handbrake lever	R		
14	17	Examine the cab floor, internal wheel arches and cab steps for condition and security.	✓		
15	21	Interior of Body, Passenger Entrance, Exit Steps and Platforms	✓		
16	16	Check condition of interior of body, passenger entrance, exit steps and platforms	✓		
17	1	Check condition of number plates	✓		
18	19	Check for corrosion around fixing points of subframes and chassis mountings etc	✓		
19	20	Check for corrosion or damage to body panels	✓		
20	5	Check for excessive smoke from vehicle under load	✓		
21	6	Check road wheels for damage, check all wheel nuts are present	✓		
22	7	Check all tyres are the same size and rating	✓		

PSV Safety Inspection Record

23	8	Check tyres for damage, punctures and record tyre tread depth below	✓		
24	9	Check bumper condition	✓		
25	10	Check spare wheel carrier for condition and security if applicable	ND		
26	14	Check wings and wheel arches for corrosion and sharp edges	✓		
27	42	Check any visual wiring for damage and battery for security (if accessible)	✓		
28	43	Check condition of engine and gearbox mountings	✓		
29	44	Check for any oil or waste leaks	M		
30	45	Check fuel system for leaks or damage -including fuel tank	✓		
31	46	Check exhaust for security or damage - check pre heaters for security or damage	✓		
32	54	Check steering joints, rack etc for condition and wear	✓		
33	48	Check suspension components for condition and wear	✓		
34	53	Check condition of axles and wheel bearings	✓		
35	57	Check condition of propshafts and driveshafts (inc cv gaitors)	✓		
36	59	Check condition of Brake Components (inc Discs and Pads, flexi hoses and fluid leaks)	✓		
37	62	Check Reflectors and Rear marking are present and in good condition	✓		
38	63	Check Headlamps for operation and condition, check stop lamps, fog lamps, reverse lamps	✓		
39	66	Check Operation of Indicators and Hazzard warning lights	✓		
40	67	Check Aim of Headlamps	✓		
41		Visually check any ancillary equipment	✓		
42	74	Other Dangerous Defects	✓		

Tyre Pressures and Tread Depths

O/S/F	Tread Depth = 6	Pressure = 55
N/S/F	Tread Depth = 8	Pressure = 55
O/S/R	Tread Depth = 8	Pressure = 60
N/S/R	Tread Depth = 8	Pressure = 60
Spare (if fitted)	Tread Depth = ND	Pressure = ND

Brake Testing


Service Brake Performance
Efficiency (%) = 68
Parking Brake Performance
Efficiency (%) = 19

Carry out Brake efficiency test using portable Bowmark Brake Check Meter

Comments on faults found / rectified (including parts used eg bulbs, fluids and sundries)

Check No	Fault Details
13	1 WIND BROSSE CABLES FEEL DRY
6	WIPER BRIDGES SPLIT
	DRIVE BELT STARTING TO PERISH
29	SLIGHT ENGINE OIL LEAK
	<u>Wipers Replaced</u>

I consider that the above vehicle is in a safe and roadworthy condition

Name:	MCM
Signature:	

Date:	27/05/20
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