

Subject: Financial Assistance

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 17 October 2016

Report by: Licensing Manager

SUBJECT MATTER AND DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Members are asked to consider a request for a one of payment to assist with the additional costs that Hackney Carriage Drivers have incurred for the first time this year as a result of new Licensing policy.

Background

A new Taxi Licensing policy was introduced with effect from 1 April 2016 which included a new requirement for all Hackney Carriage Drivers to be fit to the medical standard of a Group 2 driver (DVLA Drivers Medical Group) the same standards that are applicable to other professional drivers.

This has affected three drivers who have paid privately to undertake further tests in order to pass the Group 2 Standard for their renewal application. They have been licensed drivers for some time and have obviously had to pay for a three year licence in addition to the tests and for this reason members are asked to consider some financial assistance for this year only.

One written request has so far been received asking for some remuneration for his invoice of £300

Options to members

- To agree to pay the full total of the additional costs
- To make a contribution towards the additional costs
- Not to give any financial assistance

Recommendation

To make a contribution towards the costs incurred for the additional medical tests for this year only.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Within budget

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: Dealt with in report

EXECUTIVE BOARD OR DIRECTOR CONSULTATION:

Report seen by Director of Customer Services

Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered?	Issues	
	Legal	√
	Financial	√
	Risk	X
	Sustainability	X
	Equality	X
	Crime and Disorder	X
	Human Rights	X
	Every Child Matters	X