

## NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

### Report for Resolution

**Report To** Licensing Committee

15 July 2010

**ITEM**

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**Report of** Head of Citywide Services

**Subject** Fitness Testing of Hackney Carriage and  
Private Hire Vehicles

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#### **Purpose**

To inform Members of the current position relating to the contractual arrangements for the fitness testing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

#### **Recommendation**

That Members note the current position regarding the contractual arrangements for the fitness testing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

#### **Financial Consequences**

The financial consequences of this report are nil.

#### **Corporate Objective/Service Plan Priority**

The report helps to achieve the service plan priority of protecting the interests of the public through the administration of the licensing function.

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#### **Background Documents**

## Background

1. At the previous meeting of the committee on 18 March 2010 members were informed of changes to the contractual arrangements for the fitness testing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the city council.
2. Under previous arrangements, the fitness testing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles was provided by Morrison Veolia Ltd (trading as City Care) Central Depot Mile Cross Road Norwich.
3. These arrangements were due to finish on 31 March 2010 when all the various City Care service contracts come to an end and a tendering process was underway to find suppliers to provide the fitness testing after this date. However, on 5 February notification was received from the General Manager of City Care stating that they would be unable to provide the testing service beyond the 28 February 2010.

## Alternative Arrangements

4. Due to the early curtailment of the services provided by City Care, it was necessary to put arrangements in place to ensure the continuation of hackney carriage and private hire vehicle fitness testing.
5. In conjunction with the Head of Procurement and Service Improvement, a 'mini-tender' arrangement for a framework of suppliers to provide the testing facilities was put in place. The proposal was to tender the service for a limited period, at which point the service could be evaluated and then re-tendered.
6. Three contractors were appointed to carry out the fitness testing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles for an interim period between 1 March and 31 May 2010.

## Contractual Arrangements after 31 May 2010

7. The service was re-tendered between the 4 and 18 May and only three tenders were received, those being from the contractors who had previously been awarded the interim period contract.
8. A three year contract was subsequently awarded to the three contractors with effect from 1 June 2010. Details of the three contractors and testing charges are shown below.

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Delmonte Garage Unit 26 Concorde Road, Norwich NR56 6BN	Tel: 01603 426746  Email: <a href="mailto:info@delmontegarage.co.uk">info@delmontegarage.co.uk</a>	Office hours: 0800 – 1800  Test hours: 0730 – 1830  Monday – Saturday

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### **Costs**

	<b>Delmonte</b>	<b>Dolphin</b>	<b>MOTs 610.com</b>
Hackney carriage test	£70.00	£68.00	£65.00
Hackney carriage re-test	£35.00	£20.00	£25.00
Private hire vehicle test	£50.00	£44.00	£50.00
Private hire vehicle re-test	£25.00	£20.00	£20.00