

<b>REPORT TO</b>	<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>
<b>GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b>

Report template revised June 2008



<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
<b>ALLOCATION OF TESTING STATIONS</b>	<b>REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>ANDREW SMITH</b>	

## SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

A report on the approval of Testing Stations to test licensed vehicles.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to determine whether the Testing Stations outlined should be granted approval to test South Ribble Borough Council licensed and newly licensed vehicles.

## DETAILS AND REASONING

The Council currently authorises thirteen Testing Stations to test licensed vehicles and new vehicles wishing to be licensed in accordance with the Council's Roadworthiness Certificate (RWC), example attached as Appendix 1.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 all thirteen garages were written to along with garages that have previously expressed interest in becoming authorised to test licensed vehicles. Garages were given until 29<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to confirm whether they wished to become authorised Testing Stations.

Seven garages from the existing thirteen responded positively as did four garages who had previously expressed interest.

These eleven garages were then written to on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and given four weeks to supply further information regarding their business practices and operation. Only eight garages of the eleven responded with the required information. This information is now presented as Appendix 2,

The eleven garages are detailed below, and the eight that provided the information highlighted in blue:

COMPANY	AREA	EXISTING STATION?
<a href="#">Sherwood Recovery Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Lostock Hall</a>	Yes
H. Parkinson Haulage Ltd.	Walton-le-Dale	No
Autosave (Bamber Bridge) Ltd.	Bamber Bridge	Yes
<a href="#">One Call-4-Car Care Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Leyland</a>	No
<a href="#">Anchor Service Station</a>	<a href="#">Hutton</a>	Yes
<a href="#">Dunkirk Garage Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Leyland</a>	Yes
<a href="#">Naylors Motor Sales</a>	<a href="#">Leyland</a>	Yes
Northwest Autocare	Bamber Bridge	No
<a href="#">Garage Services (GSL) Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Leyland</a>	Yes
<a href="#">Meanygate Garage Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Leyland</a>	No
<a href="#">D. Melling &amp; Sons Ltd.</a>	<a href="#">Farington</a>	Yes

Committee is requested to approve the eleven garages above in being allowed to test licensed vehicles and vehicles wishing to be licensed from an agreed date in the future, subject to the required information being returned by the outstanding three before this date.

## WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

<b>FINANCIAL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL</b>	Under the provisions of section 50 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the proprietor of any hackney carriage or of any private hire vehicle licensed by a district council shall present such hackney carriage or private hire vehicle for inspection and testing by or on behalf of the council within such period and at such place within the area of the council as they may by notice reasonably require.
<b>RISK</b>	The Committee should be aware of the need to protect the public. On the other hand Committee should also be aware of the applicant's right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court should it be decided to refuse the licence.
<b>THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY</b>	None
<b>OTHER (see below)</b>	

<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Appendix 1 – Roadworthiness Certificate.
- Appendix 2 – Business practice information.
- Appendix 2a – Business practice information (Anchor).