

## 6.10 Wheelchair Accessibility

The council caps the number of non-wheelchair accessible hackney carriage vehicles to ..... *to be agreed by members.....*

When the cap is reached the Council will only accept applications for a New Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for vehicles which meet the age criteria and are wheelchair accessible.

The council will review the number of non-wheelchair accessible hackney carriage vehicles on its fleet every 6 months on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> November each year. Where it will accept applications to firstly add current private hire vehicles onto the hackney carriage fleet.

If no applications for current private hire vehicles are received and the maximum cap is not reached, then hackney carriage vehicle applications from new applicants will be accepted.

There is no restriction on whether accessibility is via rear or side loading doors.

Hackney Carriage Proprietors in possession of a current non wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage vehicle licence that was issued to them before ..... ( *date the policy is passed*) may continue to replace their vehicle with either a wheelchair accessible vehicle or a non-wheelchair accessible vehicle.

All other Hackney Carriage proprietors may only replace their vehicle with a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

The decision will be reviewed in 2024, when the Council will consider whether there is still a balance of vehicles for all taxi users, and thus if the authority is complying with its equality duty. Proprietors of vehicles which have been converted from the manufacturer's original specification, to a wheelchair accessible vehicle, must comply with the SRBC policy on modified vehicles which will be made available separately.