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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Item No.

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Ward: N/A

Name of Group:	LICENSING
Meeting Date:	23 September 2008
Directorate:	Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services
Corporate Manager:	Frances Fernandes
Agenda Status:	Public Part of Agenda

Report Title	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Testing Stations
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1. Recommendations

That the Committee confirm the appointment of Jackson's MOT Centre and Northampton Clutch Specialists as Testing Stations for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles for the Borough of Northampton.

2. Summary

As a result of this Committee considering and determining this subject on 11 March 2008 requiring a second Testing Station for Northampton. This matter has been the subject of a public tendering process. The result of this process being two Testing Stations are the subject of contract.

3. Report Background

At the meeting of this Committee on the 11 March 2008 a report was submitted to consider and determine the need of an additional Vehicle Testing/Inspection facility for Hackney/Private Hire vehicles for Northampton.

This matter was discussed by the Committee (copy of the minutes attached) and as a result it was resolved:-

- (1) That additional vehicle testing/inspection facilities for licensing Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Northampton be appointed following the appropriate tendering process.**

(2) That the present contract with Jackson's MOT Centre be extended by three months in order for the completion of the tendering process to take place.

This subject was advertised as Public Tender resulting in 9 applications, one of which was disqualified as the premises were located outside the Borough boundary. One of the conditions being that the Testing Premises must be within the Northampton area.

These applications were scrutinized and those scoring the highest marks on the tendering process short listed. Those on the short list were visited.

The outcome of the visits resulted in Jackson's MOT Centre, the current Test Station, and Northampton Clutch Specialists being judged as most suitable.

These premises are now subject to contract to the Council for the purpose of testing as required by Section 50(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Northampton Clutch Specialists are due to commence on 1st October 2008, Jackson's MOT Centre will continue.

3A. Any Relevant Policies

Nil

4. Options and Evaluation of Options

To adopt the recommendations.

5. Resource Implications (including Financial Implications)

Licensing Enforcement Officers to visit occasionally to ensure the continual high standard required.

6. Consultees (Internal and External)

Internal	Procurement Department.
External	Nil

7. Compliance Issues

Finance Comments
N/A
Legal Comments
N/A
Crime and Disorder Issues
The safety and protection of passengers being of paramount importance to the Council.
Equality Impact Assessments
N/A
Human Rights Act Implication
N/A

Other compliance issues

None

8. Background Papers

Title	Description	Source
Licensing Committee Minutes	Tuesday 11 March 2008	File

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