

## **Immediate changes to Appendix 3 of the Councils policy on taxi and private hire licensing**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 a consultation was sent by email to all vehicle licence holders and all Private Hire Operators licensed by Aylesbury Vale District Council. This was to advise of a proposed change to Appendix 3 of the Councils policy on taxis and private hire and hackney carriage vehicle standards in the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy. On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 this consultation was also posted on the Aylesbury Vale District Councils' website.

The proposed changes were as follows

***A private hire vehicle application will only be considered if the applicant also holds one of the following:***

- ***A Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver licence issued by Aylesbury Vale District Council , or***
- ***A Private Hire Operator licence with Aylesbury Vale District Council.***

***The only exception being where the applicant is from an insurance company who are providing a temporary replacement vehicle to be used under an existing private hire vehicle licence whilst the original vehicle is being repaired. In these cases, the insurance vehicle will be issued with the same licence number as the vehicle it is replacing. At no point must both vehicles be licensed at the same time.***

The consultation ended on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and responses were considered and a report taken to the Licensing Committee on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. At this meeting a decision was made to introduce this requirement and was approved by all members. The Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy will now be updated accordingly.

All existing vehicle licence holders effected by this change will be permitted to continue with the current vehicle licence. However, all subsequent applications for vehicle licences where the applicant does not meet these requirements will be rejected, a refund issued and any booked tests will be cancelled.