

## **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Taxi and private hire car licensing – Amendment to policy on vehicle standards agreed.**

2 With reference to the minutes of 30th May 2018 (Print 2, page 120) when the committee had agreed an amendment to this authority's policy on vehicle standards to allow vehicles licensed as taxis and private hire cars, manufactured to M1 Whole Vehicle Type Approval Standard, to be retrofitted for the purposes of achieving Euro 6 Emissions Standard, subject to the vehicle obtaining Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Individual Vehicle Approval, there was submitted a report by the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council regarding a proposal to further amend this authority's policy on vehicle standards, advising that

- (1) a request had been made to allow the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS) as an additional approval certification scheme in relation to LPG retrofitted taxi and private hire car vehicles in the city as an alternative to a vehicle obtaining DVSA Individual Vehicle Approval;
- (2) CVRAS was a certification scheme for manufacturers of retrofit emissions reduction technology that enabled compliance with lower emissions standards by legacy fleet vehicles, which could include taxis;
- (3) the request had been made on the basis that LPG retrofitting did not lead to any significant structural or safety adaptations to the vehicle; and
- (4) officers from this authority's Taxi and Private Hire Car Inspection Centre had reviewed information and documentation in relation to the CVRAS and had confirmed they were satisfied with the CVRAS for the purposes of certifying the modifications made to vehicles as a result of LPG conversions.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the CVRAS as a form of certification in relation to licensed taxi and private hire car vehicles which had gone through LPG conversion for the purposes of achieving compliance with the Euro 6 Emissions Standard; and
- (b) agreed the following amendment to its policy on vehicle standards:-

*“Vehicles licensed as taxis and private hire cars, manufactured to M1 Whole Vehicle Type Approval Standard, may be modified to allow retrofitting for the purposes of achieving Euro 6 Emissions Standard, subject to the vehicle obtaining DVSA Individual Vehicle Approval, or, alternatively, in relation to an LPG conversion achieving Euro 6 Emission Standard, subject to approval through the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme.”*