04 August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 918/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Since 1st August 2015:

1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) licenses you have granted.

2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) licenses you have granted.

3. The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions. In the cases of those convicted:
   i. The nature and date of conviction.
   ii. Whether said driver’s conviction was known at the time of the licence being approved.
   iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver.

4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions. In the cases of those convicted:

   The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.

Response:

The following information relates to drivers, not vehicles.

Q1. Rutland County Council has granted 110 (Hackney Carriage) licences.

Q2. Rutland County Council has granted 91 (Private Vehicle Hire) licences.

Q3 – 4 Rutland County Council does not retain this information.
Please see the attached ‘Policy Guidance Note. For Assisting in the determination of the Fitness of an Applicant to Hold a Licence to Drive a Hackney Carriage or a Private Hire Vehicle or to operate Private Hire Vehicles within Rutland’.

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Yours faithfully

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