

Appendix 2

Adur and Worthing Local Authorities

All new or replacement vehicles must be, from the date of registration 7 years old or less from the start of the licence until its 10th year; thereafter; if the vehicle is in an exceptional condition the vehicle will be licensed for a further year with an interim 6-month garage inspection.

This condition has been in place for 5 years and was reviewed at the beginning of this year with no changes.

Rother

Since April 2018, Rother District Council do not allow a vehicle to be any more than 7 years old when first licensed and the vehicle licence will be renewed up to the vehicle being a maximum of 10 years old.

Wealden

Since January 2018, Wealden District Council do not allow a vehicle to be any more than 7 years old when they first licence it and a maximum of 9 years old to have the licence renewed.

Vehicles which were already licenced prior to the implementation of age criteria in 2018 have grandfather rights and can continue to be licenced providing they meet all the requirements relating to VCT's and general condition.

Arun

Currently no upper or lower age limit but they are reviewing the taxi policy and asking for a maximum age of 10 years. They have had quite a lot of comments back from the trade disagreeing with the 10 years limit.

Hastings

Their new policy adopted last year states that upon first registration vehicles can be no older than 5 years and should exit the trade after 7 years; they do allow a couple of extensions subject to condition for purpose-built vehicles. This is 10 years old.

Crawley

Their maximum is 11 years, but Members gave the older cars 2 extra years during Covid. This was being reviewed at Committee in November when the temporary extension is due to end in March 2023.

Chichester

Any new vehicle will only be licensed for full years up until it is 10 years old from first registration. However, when the policy was brought in, existing licensed vehicles which were older than 10 years or would become over 10 years, were given a maximum period of 5 further years.

The only exception to the above is fully electric vehicles (not hybrids) which are not subject to an age policy. The intention was that this might be an incentive for licence holders to get an EV

Brighton and Hove

In the case of a first application for a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence diesel vehicles must be manufactured to Euro 6 emission standard and petrol. There are 146 vehicles manufactured to Euro 4 emission standard and must not normally exceed 10 years of age from date of initial DVLA registration and not more than 10 years of age in the case of any subsequent application for renewal of licence.

The maximum age limit described above, may only be exceeded if the vehicle presented is in exceptional condition, A vehicle may only exceed the normal age limit for a maximum of 2 years.