

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Private Hire Vehicles

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the information detailed below relating to 'executive hire' exemptions of private hire vehicles from displaying signage, by your local authority, under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976:

1. Do you exempt private hire vehicles used for 'executive hire' an exemption from displaying licence plates / discs or signage?

Response:

Yes, subject to an agreed set of criteria.

Section 75(3) of the LGMPA 1976 says:

Where a licence under section 48 of this Act is in force for a vehicle, the council which issued the licence may, by a notice in writing given to the proprietor of the vehicle, provide that paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section shall not apply to the vehicle on any occasion specified in the notice or shall not so apply while the notice is carried in the vehicle; and on any occasion on which by virtue of this subsection that paragraph does not apply to a vehicle section 54(2)(a) of this Act shall not apply to the driver of the vehicle.

2. If so, is the exemption granted under the provisions of section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976?

3. If exemption is not granted under section 75(3) of the said Act, how do you administer and regulate exemption?

2 & 3. Our exemption does not specifically state the Act and section, but it does meet the requirements of this section. We issue a document showing additional conditions, which exempt them from conditions 3 & 4 of our standard conditions for private hire vehicles. This is done following a written application from the PHV operator, which is considered by our Head of Service under delegated powers.

4. Provide the total number of private hire vehicles that were exempt from displaying signage, licence plates or discs on 20 November 2011. Please provide a total number in relation to those identified in relation to questions 2 and 3.

On 20 November 2011 there were two PHVs with exemptions.

5. Provide the make and model of each private hire vehicle exempt from displaying signage, licence plates or discs on 20 November 2011.

[Bentley Continental & Mercedes S class](#)

6. Provide copies of the conditions of licence attached to: (i) 'standard' private hire vehicles; and (ii) 'executive hire'.

[Attached.](#)

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FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

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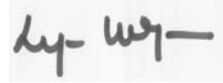
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Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Wyeth", is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Lynn Wyeth

Head of Information Governance

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[AnsAttch 2](#)