

Appendix 6

Taxi Licensing – preliminary costing information

1. Colour

The trade in Chester le Street have indicated that it costs approximately £200 - £300 to “wrap” a vehicle to make it white. The costs of a full re-spray could cost up to £1,500.

2. Driver Proficiency test

Normal vehicle DSA fee - £69.00
Wheelchair accessible vehicle DSA fee - £80.50
Wheelchair exercise DSA fee - £23.00

Durham County Council wheelchair accessible vehicle fee – TBA

3. Driver Knowledge / locality test

These are currently determined by the district councils and range between £10.00 and £20.00. If adopted, the cost would be determined by the Council.

4. Cost of “plates”

Local knowledge indicates that hackney carriage vehicles plates issued by Chester le Street District Council change hands for about £8,000, whilst those issued by City of Durham District Council change hands for between £25,000 to £40,000.