Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council

List of vehicles approved for use as a hackney carriage in the three zones of Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council. Applicable to new and replacement vehicles and subject to the Council's age policy (as approved 16th April 2013).

- LTI TX1
- LTI TX2
- LTI TX4
- LTI Fairway
- Metrocab
- Citroen Voyager LC7 SX - (Voyager Multipurpose Vehicles Ltd)*
- Volkswagen Shuttle / Transporter (Jubilee Automotive Group)*
- FIAT Eurocab (Jubilee Automotive Group) *
- Peugeot Eurotaxi (Taxi-Fix)*
- Peugeot E7 SE (Allied Vehicles)*
- Peugeot E7 XS SWB & LWB (Allied Vehicles)*
- Renault NX8 (Voyager Multipurpose Vehicles Ltd)*
- Vauxhall Vivaro (Voyager Multipurpose Vehicles Ltd)*
- Nissan NX8 – (Voyager Multipurpose Vehicles Ltd)*
- Mercedes Eurocab (Jubilee Automotive Group)*
- Mercedes Vito (Taxi-Fix)*
- Mercedes M8 (Cab Direct)*
- FIAT TW220 SE – Short Wheelbase (Jubilee Automotive Group)*
- FIAT TW220 SE – Long Wheelbase (Jubilee Automotive Group)*

*****Minimum requirements:
1. Side-step on each side of the vehicle.
2. Hearing/induction loop
3. High-visibility contrasting coloured internal fittings (for persons with sight difficulties)
4. Suitable wheelchair ramp.
5. Cheshire West and Chester Council's disability access officer approval required.
6. Partition/bulk-head divider (between driver/rear passengers).
7. EC Whole Vehicle Type Approval or UK Low Volume Type Approval (individual vehicle conversions will not be approved).
8. Taximeter to control the roof-light.

Guidance notes:

- The Council approves vehicles from specific manufacturers/suppliers/ converters. Before purchasing a vehicle, you must be satisfied that the vehicle was manufactured/converted by an approved source. In the case of used vehicles, conversion certificates are vitally important. Vehicles without certificates proving the origin of the conversion should not be purchased. Purchases based on the make/model alone are not sufficient and may result in refusal to be licensed.

- From time-to-time, vehicle specifications are altered by the vehicle manufacturer/converter. Cheshire West and Chester Council reserves the right to refuse to licence any vehicle if it is deemed that there has been any change to the design, appearance and/or specification of a vehicle from when it was granted approval to be used as a hackney carriage vehicle. Should there have been changes to the design, appearance and/or specification; further approval may be required before the grant of any licence.

- All vehicles presented to the Council for consideration of licensing as a hackney carriage must be accompanied by a Vehicle Certification Agency certificate (VCA) to indicate that the conversion has been type approved and has been undertaken by an approved converter. **You are advised not to purchase a vehicle without a valid VCA certificate indicating that it is from an approved converter.** (This could be a particular problem if purchasing a used vehicle and it is not supplied from the vehicle manufacturer/converter)

- If you are unsure whether the vehicle may be licensed as a hackney carriage, you are strongly advised to check with the licensing team of Cheshire West and Chester Council **prior to entering into any finance agreement or prior to committing to the purchase of any vehicle.**

- If you wish the Council to consider the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence to a vehicle that is not on the approved hackney carriage vehicle list, a full manufacturer/converter application will be required along with vehicle testing and technical data. The vehicle will also have to be inspected by the Council, including the disability access officer and possibly other organisations/representatives. Some applications may be considered by the Council's licensing committee/ general licensing sub-committee which may add additional time to the application process.

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