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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about taxi licensing, which the Council received on 25 February 2014. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information;

1. If an operator makes a check with the licensing office to check if a driver has renewed his badge at the time of licence expiry will you provide this information to the operator? This would relate to a driver that works for the operator making.

Answer. Yes, the Council's taxi licensing office will inform if a current driver badge is held in Coventry, however, the Council do not give details i.e., expiry dates etc.

2. If an operator makes a check to see if a private hire vehicle licence has been renewed at the time of licence expiry will the licensing office confirm whether or not the licence has been renewed? This would apply to a vehicle licence that is operated by the operator asking the question.

Answer. As part of the 'conditions of licence' for private hire operators licensed in Coventry, there is a requirement to hold a copy of the 'private hire vehicle licence' issued by this council to each proprietor of a licensed vehicle. The licence details, duration etc. is shown on the document.

3. Does the council keep a centralised log of its taxi licensing enforcement activity so that statistics and details of enforcement can be easily accessed?

Answer. The Council does not keep a centralised log of its taxi licensing enforcement activity.

4. In relation to question 1 and 2 I suppose I am asking does the council share certain information in relation to public safety.

Answer. The Council have interpreted your question 4. to refer to any sharing of personal information undertaken by the Council with other organisations or agencies (such as the Police or similar) where a valid and lawful reason to share or disclose information exists. To clarify, the Council will only share personal information if the person or agency/organisation making a request can demonstrate a lawful entitlement to receive the requested information or where the Council may have a lawful obligation to share such information with particular individuals/organisations.

On receipt of such requests, the taxi licensing office will progress the request according to established Council procedures.

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Yours faithfully

Bernie Robinson

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