

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**21 March 2011**

**Report of the Central Services Director**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 UPDATE REPORT ON FUTURE MOT AND COMPLIANCE TESTING**

**1.1 Background**

- 1.1.1 Further to the report made to Members of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on 13 January 2011, I am pleased to report that some 20 garages have responded to say that they are willing and able to carry out compliance testing. Annex 1 gives details of the garages that have indicated they are able and wish to carry out compliance testing.
- 1.1.2 Licensing Services are currently compiling a 'Compliance Testing pack' to be sent out to all garages that have registered an interest. This pack includes a carbon testing pad, instructions on completing the test form and guidance notes on requirements and acceptable standards when completing the test.
- 1.1.3 Garages were asked to include, with their expression of interest, an indication of the fee they would be charging for the compliance test element. Disappointingly, only one of the garages provided a test fee.
- 1.1.4 Licensing Services will be informing all of our licensed drivers of the new arrangements in respect of MOT and Compliance testing that will come into place with effect from 1 April 2011. In addition, the new arrangements and details of the garages able to carry out a compliance test will be included on the licensing page of the Council's website and will appear in the forthcoming Trade Newsletter.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

- 1.2.1 None, other than those previously identified.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.3.1 None identified.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

- 1.4.1 None identified.

## **1.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

1.5.1 As this is an information report, no equality impact assessment is required.

Background papers:

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Nil

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