

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE
2 February 2016**

**APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF FORD DEEP IMPACT BLUE METALIC
PAINT CODE DCWE J4**

RE: ALLIED VEHICLES

Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider an application for the approval of Ford Deep Impact Blue metallic as an accepted variant to Bristol Blue paint code BS 381C (108).

Background

2. On 8 April 2008 members of this committee approved the use of Bristol Blue BS 381C (108) as the standard livery for all Hackney Carriages licensed by the council. A number of variants have subsequently been approved as set out below:

Fiat Capri Blue – 451
Fiat Line Blue – 479
Mercedes Atlantis Blue – 5373 or D8373
Volkswagen Surf Blue – A5C
Volkswagen Raven Blue - LA5W
Citroen Pacific Blue – KPV – 479A
Fiat Metallic Blue – 597

These colours are only permitted where the vehicle is already supplied in the colour. If being re-sprayed the vehicle must be sprayed in the approved BS 381C (108) colour.

3. Allied vehicles have approached the council to seek advice on whether a new wheelchair accessible vehicle called the Ford Journey meets the council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle policy. Officers have inspected the vehicle and confirmed that it meets the policy requirements. The vehicle is supplied in Ford Deep Impact Blue metallic. In order to save potential proprietors the expense of re-spraying the vehicle Allied Vehicles have requested the council approve this colour as a variant to the standard Bristol Blue paint code set out in the Hackney Carriage Vehicle policy.
4. The Licensing Manager and Licensing and Trading Standards Manager have inspected a vehicle sprayed in Ford Deep Impact Blue metallic and have referred the matter to the members of the Public Safety and Protection Committee for consideration.

Policy Guidance

5. As detailed above the council's current policy states:

“...Livery

9. *Vehicles to display a uniform all over livery of Bristol Blue, defined by a paint*

code (in this condition "Bristol Blue" means the colour identified by the British Standard code BS 381C (108) (or any European Standard code which may supercede or replace it) except on the areas where advertisements can be displayed..."

6. The policy enables members of the public to easily identify a vehicle as a licensed Hackney Carriage. Whilst the public are entitled to expect the council will usually follow its own policy, the council must not, of course apply the policy in rigid fashion. In other words the council must not act in an entirely fettered manner. In this instance if Ford Deep Impact Blue metallic is sufficiently close to the approved Bristol Blue paint code members may wish to give approval to depart from their policy.

APPENDICES

None

Recommended: The committee is asked to determine the application.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background papers

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