

## **Appendix B**

### **Information on Electric and Hybrid Hackney Carriages**

#### **Wheelchair Accessible**

The only supplier of new electric wheelchair accessible hackneys is LEVC.

New vehicles start from £66 000 and are black. A white vehicle would be an extra cost of £550.

Second hand vehicles start from £38 000 and are mainly available in black, which would not comply with the current RBWM livery requirement.

The Department for Transport provides financial support to drivers to facilitate the transition to electric taxis and the Plug-in Taxi Grant programme will give taxi drivers £7,500 off the price of a new vehicle.

There may be other grants available and there would be considerable savings each year in fuel costs.

#### **Non-Wheelchair Accessible**

**Autotrader** listed 360 vehicles on the date of research (08/01/2024) currently available nationwide that would meet RBWM policy requirements for non-wheelchair accessible Hackneys.

Filters applied to this search were as follows:

- A battery range of 100+ miles.
- A price range is from £17000 (cheapest) to £30000.
- The colour white.
- An age range of 2019 – 2024.

Most available vehicles on Autotrader appear to be a Citroen e-C4 X and a Tesla Model 3 both of which are fully electric.

Overall availability of vehicles is greatly increased when the filter for white vehicles is removed. There are currently 808 hybrid/electric vehicles available that would meet the requirements of the RBWM Private Hire vehicle policy.

**Car Giant** listed 12 vehicles currently available at its showroom that would meet RBWM policy requirements for non-wheelchair accessible Hackneys.

The vehicles available are white, less than 5 years old and all hybrid vehicles. they have a price range of £16000 - £21000.

Availability of vehicles is increased to 71 when the filter for white vehicles is removed. The price range is £15000 - £40000.