

## EXECUTIVE CAR POLICY

### PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES EXEMPTION

The council can exempt some private hire vehicles from displaying a licence plate which is usually fixed to the rear of the vehicle and from displaying the required livery on both sides of the vehicle. The drivers of such vehicles may drive without displaying/wearing their identification badge. This is set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s75(3).

The Licensing Authority, does this by granting an exemption for the licensed private hire vehicle. Eastleigh Borough Council has decided to do this – in other words, to grant an exemption – for vehicles that offer an executive/chauffeur service **only** and are considered high specification executive style vehicles.

The Service Manager for licensing, must agree each case, considering the vehicle and the level of service offered under any licence. To ask for an exemption, apply in writing by letter or email (there is no special form).

You will need to state what sort of vehicle(s) including the make and exact model you use and what sort of service they offer, supply letters form companies wishing to use your service as an executive contract service and explain why you believe the vehicle(s) are eligible for the exemption.

The Service Manager will consider your application. If the application is agreed, the Council will supply a formal notification of exemption to the proprietor of each vehicle.

If you have an Exemption Notice and you do not comply with any of the standard conditions, the council may revoke the Exemption Notice.

The proprietor will be required to keep the vehicle licence plate in the boot of the vehicle along with the exemption certificate supplied by the licensing authority.

The small plate in the windscreen of the vehicle is required to be displayed at all times, fixed to the glass in the supplied pouch.