

Approval of new minibus driver

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As per the Transport Policy – Operation Procedures passed by the Executive Committee on 4th November 2010, a student needs approval of the Executive Committee to become an approved driver due to the student having claimed on insurance due to an accident. The student had an accident in their parent's car at 11.15pm on 4th July 2010 where the total cost of damages was £6085.85 to the third party and £4892.77 to the student's parent's car.

The incident was at a set of 4 way traffic lights where the signs were unclear and the student thought they were in a right hand filter lane. The first 4 cars in front all proceeded to turn right; the student followed and saw the headlights of the oncoming car but assumed that it was stationary at its set of traffic lights. This was not the case and the crash was side on to the car passenger side and the front passenger side of the other car which happened to be a taxi. As the incident was late in the evening the police came to the scene and logged the accident. The decision of the police was to take no further actions. There were no injuries to any of the parties.

This is the student's only accident and the information given in this paper is from an email conversation.

Guidelines for assessing potential driving status - Driving history

- *Information about accidents in the previous three years will be collected, including details of accidents, insurance claims and insurance history.*
- *Where the total cost of damages to vehicles (driver or third party) from incidents in the past three years is less than £2000 the Membership Services staff shall approve the application. In cases of concern the applications shall be deferred to the Executive Committee for approval.*
- *Where the total cost of damages to vehicles (driver or third party) from incidents in the past three years is £2000 or more the Executive Committee shall approve the application.*

Decision required:

For the Executive Committee to approve the student applicant to undertake the procedure to become an approved Union Mini bus driver