

SFOI 8825 – LBTH Mayor's Chauffeur's Diary and Log

I watched the programme on the telly about the Lord Mayor of Tower Hamlets in his limousine journeys.

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- * the times and places the Lord Mayor's limousine journeys began
- * the times and places the journeys ended
- * the times and places where the limousine and chauffeur had to wait for the Lord Mayor

for period January 2011 to July 2013.

[2] Does the Lord Mayor ever drive the limousine himself?

[3] Is the Lord Mayor allowed to make personal journeys in the limousine or make detours for personal reasons like meeting or visiting his friends or doing a bit of electioneering for himself ?

[4] Can the Lord Mayor use his limousine to help his friends by giving them lifts like if they have too much shopping to carry or its raining or because the air conditioning is nicer than being out in the heatwave?

[5] Why is the Lord Mayor's car so big when it carries only the Lord Mayor must of the time?

[6] How many miles can the Lord Mayor's limousine drive for one litre of petrol or diesel, how much pollution does it emit per mile or per kilometre and how many miles was the Lord Mayor usage in 2011, 2012 and 2013 so far?

[7] Are council staff or councillors or local politicians allowed to use the Lord Mayor's limousine for their own official tasks?"

The response is as follows:

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- The council do not keep a log book of car journeys.*

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No, the Executive Mayor does not drive the limousine himself.

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The use of the Executive Mayor's car is for business use.

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The Executive Mayor has a Saloon Car. This is deemed the correct size by the Council for him to use and undertake his duties.

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Emissions:

Mercedes Benz have been consulted and the official data is:

Euro Standard: 5

CO = 0.21

CO2 = 120g/km

HC+NOx = 0.183

NOx = 0.17

Particles = 0.0003

The officially quoted fuel consumption by Mercedes for the 2011 model is:

Combined mpg: 61.4

Extra Urban : 70.6

Urban : 51.4

Converting these figures to miles per litre provides:

Combined **mpl**: 13.508 (miles per litre)

Extra Urban : 15.532

Urban : 11.308

The car's mileage is recorded by financial year rather than calendar year and is:

2011/2012	7,638km	(from September 2011 to March 2012)
2012/2013	16,592km	
2013 April - July	5,353km	

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From time to time, other Councillors accompany the Executive Mayor to meetings.