



Licensing Panel

Date: Friday, 8 June 2012

Time: 9.45 am

Venue: Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

To appoint a Chair of the Panel.

2. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to consider whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any of the items on this agenda and if so, to declare them and state what they are.

3. OVERAGE VEHICLE - VAUXHALL ASTRA, REGISTRATION NUMBER EJ53 PKU (Pages 1 - 6)

4. OVERAGE VEHICLE - VAUXHALL ASTRA, REGISTRATION NUMBER DE52 HNK (Pages 7 - 12)

5. OVERAGE VEHICLE - CITROEN C5, REGISTRATION NUMBER WP53 AWR (Pages 13 - 18)

6. OVERAGE VEHICLE - VAUXHALL ASTRA, REGISTRATION NUMBER SM53 EXW (Pages 19 - 22)

7. OVERAGE VEHICLE - FORD GALAXY, REGISTRATION NUMBER OV03 NNE (Pages 23 - 28)

8. OVERAGE VEHICLE - FORD GALAXY, REGISTRATION NUMBER Y634 UEN (Pages 29 - 34)

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR - PART 1

To consider any other business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

10. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following items contain exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

11. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE -CONVICTION RECEIVED (MDS) (Pages 35 - 38)

12. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CONVICTION RECEIVED (GRA) (Pages 39 - 42)

13. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION TO RENEW (JB) (Pages 43 - 46)

14. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CONVICTION RECEIVED (JDB) (Pages 47 - 50)

15. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CONVICTION RECEIVED (AK) (Pages 51 - 52)

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16. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (WPMCC) (Pages 53 - 56)

17. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (DJJ) (Pages 57 - 60)

18. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (JGMCM) (Pages 61 - 64)

19. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (JJP) (Pages 65 - 68)

20. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (GPW) (Pages 69 - 72)

21. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (BLMCL) (Pages 73 - 76)**
22. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (LJW) (Pages 77 - 80)**
23. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR - PART 2**

To consider any other business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Astra, registration number EJ53 PKU, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Edwards has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 19 May 2010.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 2 January 2004.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 20 November 2011, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday. After inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate is attached to this report.
- 3.6 The current licence was due to expire on 20 May 2012, but it has been extended to 8 June 2012, the date of this meeting.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?
- 10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further six months.

14.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

14.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for Private Hire Vehicle Licences where the vehicle is over eight years old.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Private Hire Vehicle Licence application form

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TAXI

FAIL	
PASS	✓

EDWARDS

WAL
WA 158535832187

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Compliance Test Certificate

Plate No: 370 <i>20th May 2012</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hackney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Hire	Year of manufacture: 2003
Reg No: ESS3 PKU	VIN/Chassis No: W060T6F3548022790	
Make/Model: Vauxhall astra	Colour: blue	Mileage: 107078

6 month 12 month

Pass	Fail	Comments
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VOSA MOT

COMPLIANCE TEST

1 Exterior of Vehicle	/	
Doors/catches/hinges/seals	/	
Bodywork/paintwork	/	
Windows/etching/tint/seals	/	
Reversing lights	/	
HCV steps/sliding doors	/	
2 Boot	/	
Interior/seals	/	
3 Engine Compartment	/	
Leaks	/	
Hoses	/	
Mounts	/	
4 Wheels/tyres	/	
Spare	/	
Wheel brace and jack	/	
5 Interior of vehicle	/	
Carpets/mats/seats	/	
Lights/switches	/	
Heaters/demister	/	
Window locks/winders	/	
Rubbers/pedals	/	
MPV step/signs	/	
Motion/safety/child	/	
locks/warning lamps/signs	/	
Door/grab handles	/	
Intercom/CCTV/Wiring	/	
6 Fire extinguishers	/	
7 HCV Taxi signs	/	
8 Underside of vehicle	/	
9 Wheelchair facilities	/	
Anchorage/restraints/ramps	/	

No: 43339
ALF WALSH AUTO ENG'R LTD
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W.B.C. VEHICLE PASS

P/H A/C

I certify that I have read and understood the above defects and advised items, which are or may become defective before the next MOT, compliance test or service is due Customer signature <i>[Signature]</i> Date of test 14/05/2012 Tester signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Customer name R Edwards Customer address 4 Warrington Rd IRA Page 5 of No.
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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Astra, registration number DE52 HNK, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Keeley has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 11 November 2002.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 11 November 2002.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 11 November 2010, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday and after inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at Walsh Autos, one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 On expiry of that licence on 14 May 2011, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted, subject to new seat covers being fitted and paintwork on the bonnet and rear bumper being repaired. The work required was completed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Team Leader.
- 3.6 On expiry of that licence on 14 November 2011 a further application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence and this was granted.
- 3.7 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate is attached to this report.
- 3.8 The current licence was due to expire on 14 May 2012, but this has been extended to 8 June 2012, the date of this meeting.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

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8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?

10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further six months.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for Private Hire Vehicle Licences where the vehicle is over eight years old.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Private Hire Vehicle Licence application form

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TAXI

FAIL	
PASS	✓

KEELEY

WAL
WA258 210532194

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Compliance Test Certificate

Plate No: 114 ^{14th May 2012}	<input type="checkbox"/> Hackney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Hire	Year of manufacture: 2002
Reg No: DES2 NNK	VIN/Chassis No: W0C0T6F3538006426	
Make/Model: Vauxhall astra	Colour: blue	Mileage: 227602

6 month 12 month

Pass	Fail	Comments
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VOSA MOT	✓		
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COMPLIANCE TEST

1 Exterior of Vehicle	✓		
Doors/catches/hinges/seals	✓		
Bodywork/paintwork	✓		
Windows/etching/tint/seals	✓		
Reversing lights	✓		
HCV steps/sliding doors	✓		
2 Boot	✓		
Interior/seals	✓		
3 Engine Compartment	✓		
Leaks	✓		
Hoses	✓		
Mounts	✓		
4 Wheels/tyres	✓		
Spare	✓		
Wheel brace and jack	✓		
5 Interior of vehicle	✓		
Carpets/mats/seats	✓		
Lights/switches	✓		
Heaters/demister	✓		
Window locks/winders	✓		
Rubbers/pedals	✓		
MPV step/signs	✓		
Motion/safety/child	✓		
locks/warning lamps/signs	✓		
Door/grab handles	✓		
Intercom/CCTV/Wiring	✓		
6 Fire extinguishers	✓		
7 HCV Taxi signs	✓		
8 Underside of vehicle	✓		
9 Wheelchair facilities	✓		
Anchorage/restraints/ramps	✓		

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I certify that I have read and understood the above defects and advised items, which are or may become defective before the next MOT, compliance test or service is due Customer signature: _____ Date of test: 09/05/2012 Tester signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Customer name: J A KEELEY Customer address: 16 CLEVELAND ST BIRKENHEAD CH41 3BL
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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Citroen C5, registration number WP53 AWR, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Nugent has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 27 February 2007.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 6 January 2004.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 14 November 2011, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday. After inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate is attached to this report.
- 3.6 The current licence was due to expire on 14 May 2012, but it has been extended to 8 June 2012, the date of this meeting.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

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9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?

10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further six months.

14.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

14.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for Private Hire Vehicle Licences where the vehicle is over eight years old.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

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TAXI	
FAIL	
PASS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NUGENT

WAL
WA 489714222106

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Compliance Test Certificate

Plate No: 97 (14.05.12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hackney <input type="checkbox"/> Private Hire	Year of manufacture: 2003
Reg No: WPS3 AWR	VIN/Chassis No: VF7DER HZB76484051	
Make/Model: Citroen CS	Colour: Blue	Mileage: 248454
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 month <input type="checkbox"/> 12 month	Pass	Fail
VOSA MOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
COMPLIANCE TEST		
1 Exterior of Vehicle		
Doors/catches/hinges/seals	-	
Bodywork/paintwork	-	
Windows/etching/tint/seals	-	
Reversing lights	-	
HCV steps/sliding doors	-	
2 Boot		
Interior/seals	-	
3 Engine Compartment		
Leaks	-	
Hoses	-	
Mounts	-	
4 Wheels/tyres		
Spare	-	
Wheel brace and jack	-	
5 Interior of vehicle		
Carpets/mats/seats	-	
Lights/switches	-	
Heaters/demister	-	
Window locks/winders	-	
Rubbers/pedals	-	
MPV step/signs	-	
Motion/safety/child	-	
locks/warning lamps/signs	-	
Door/grab handles	-	
Intercom/CCTV/Wiring	-	
6 Fire extinguishers		
7 HCV Taxi signs		
8 Underside of vehicle		
9 Wheelchair facilities		
Anchorage/restraints/ramps	-	

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I certify that I have read and understood the above defects and advised items, which are or may become defective before the next MOT, compliance test or service is due

Customer signature *[Signature]*

Date of test 03.05.12.

Tester signature *[Signature]*

Customer name SPR MOTORS
Customer address 53, St. Paul Rd.
Rock Ferry CH42 3UY

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Astra, registration number SM53 EXW, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Thomas has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 17 June 2011.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 22 December 2003.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 16 December 2011, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday. After inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate will be available at the meeting.
- 3.6 The current licence is due to expire on 16 June 2012.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

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9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?

10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further six months.

14.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

14.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for Private Hire Vehicle Licences where the vehicle is over eight years old.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

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WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Ford Galaxy, registration number OV03 NNE, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
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3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Oates has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 2 August 2007.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 21 May 2003.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 20 May 2011, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday and after inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at Walsh Autos, one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 On expiry of that licence on 20 November 2011, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted.
- 3.6 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate is attached to this report.
- 3.7 The current licence was due to expire on 20 May 2012, but this has been extended to 8 June 2012, the date of this meeting.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

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Private Hire Vehicle Licence application form

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Walsh Auto Engineering Ltd
 164 - 190 Cleveland Street, Birkenhead, CH41 3QQ
 0151 647 5131

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FAIL	
PASS	✓

DATES	
WAL	
WA 637585432137	

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Compliance Test Certificate

Plate No: 397 20/may/12	<input type="checkbox"/> Hackney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Hire	Year of manufacture: 2003
Reg No: 0V03 NNE	VIN/Chassis No: WFOGXXPSSG3E11292	
Make/Model: Ford Galaxy	Colour: Red	Mileage: 221835
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 month <input type="checkbox"/> 12 month	Pass	Fail
VOSA MOT		
COMPLIANCE TEST		
1 Exterior of Vehicle		
Doors/catches/hinges/seals	/	
Bodywork/paintwork	/	
Windows/etching/tint/seals	/	
Reversing lights	/	
HCV steps/sliding doors	/	
2 Boot		
Interior/seals	/	
3 Engine Compartment		
Leaks	/	
Hoses	/	
Mounts	/	
4 Wheels/tyres		
Spare	/	
Wheel brace and jack	/	
5 Interior of vehicle		
Carpets/mats/seats	/	
Lights/switches	/	
Heaters/demister	/	
Window locks/winders	/	
Rubbers/pedals	/	
MPV step/signs	/	
Motion/safety/child	/	
locks/warning lamps/signs	/	
Door/grab handles	/	
Intercom/CCTV/Wiring	/	
6 Fire extinguishers	/	
7 HCV Taxi signs	/	
8 Underside of vehicle	/	
9 Wheelchair facilities	/	
Anchorage/restraints/ramps	/	

No: 43339
ALE WALSH AUTO ENG'R LTD
CLEVELAND ST./POOL ST
BIRKENHEAD
 Tel: 0151 666 6625

W.B.C. VEHICLE PASS

P/H A/C

I certify that I have read and understood the above defects and advised items, which are or may become defective before the next MOT, compliance test or service is due

Customer signature: *[Signature]*

Date of test: 14th May 2012

Tester signature: *[Signature]*

Customer name: CALL DATES

Customer address: 39, CONISTON RD
 1231

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WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

8 JUNE 2012

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Law HR and Asset Management
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Ford Galaxy, registration number Y634 UEN, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Locke has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 4 June 2004 and the current licence expires on 9 June 2012.

- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 19 April 2001. The vehicle is therefore 11 years old.
- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 20 April 2009, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday and after inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at Walsh Autos, one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 On expiry of that licence on 19 October 2009, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted.
- 3.6 On expiry of that licence on 18 May 2010, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted subject to a number of defects being rectified. The work required was completed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Team Leader.
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- 3.8 On expiry of that licence on 9 June 2011, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted.
- 3.9 On expiry of that licence on 9 December 2011, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted subject to a specific defect being rectified. The work required was completed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Team Leader.
- 3.10 The vehicle has been inspected by licensing officers and a number of defects noted. A copy of the conditions notice indicating the defects which are to be rectified by 8 June 2012 is attached to this report.
- 3.11 The vehicle is being examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate will be available at the meeting.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?

10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

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