

**PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE – VAUXHALL VIVARO - APPLICATION TO  
LICENSE TWO FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to license a Vauxhall Vivaro as a private hire vehicle to carry eight passengers, two passengers being carried in the front.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Council policy, which is reflected in the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions, allows non-standard vehicles (ie MPV's, people carriers) to be licensed as private hire vehicles subject to the standard Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions and the following additional conditions:-

- (1) There must only be the number of passengers seats fitted in the vehicle for which the vehicle is licensed.
- (2) Two fire extinguishers must be kept in the vehicle, one to be in the front and the other in the rear.
- (3) Vehicles to be fitted (in addition to the front drivers and passengers doors) with at least two side/rear opening doors and all doors must be easily accessible to all passengers and capable of being opened from inside.
- (4) A step (which must be approved by the Council) must be available for use at all times.
- (5) A sign on the rear of the seats in the vehicle must be displayed indicating there is a step available for use and indicating exit doors.
- (6) Seat belts shall be provided for every passengers the vehicle is licensed by this Council to carry.

2.2 The standard private hire vehicle conditions specify that the proprietor shall only allow one person to be carried in the front of the vehicle apart from the driver.

2.3 Members have previously considered applications to license a Volkswagen Caravelle, a Volkswagen Transporter, a Ford Tourneo and a Renault Trafic to carry two front seat passengers. These applications were granted.

### 3.0 **APPLICATION**

- 3.1 The proprietor of the Vauxhall Vivaro, Mr Paul Kenyon has applied to license the vehicle to carry 2 front seat passengers. The vehicle is currently licensed to carry just one front seat passenger.
- 3.2 Mr Kenyon considers that two passengers can be carried in the front of the vehicle in comfort and safety.
- 3.3 The vehicle will be available for inspection prior to the start of the meeting.

### 4.0 **FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial or staffing implications arising out of this report.

### 5.0 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications arising out of this report.

### 6.0 **LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no Local Agenda 21 implications arising out of this report.

### 7.0 **LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 This report affects the entire Borough.

### 8.0 **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Article 6 concerning the right to a fair hearing is of relevance.

### 9.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are community safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

### 10.0 **PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no planning implications arising out of this report.

### 11.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1 Previous Committee reports

## 12.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 12.1 Members comments are requested, to be reported to the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee for consideration when making a decision on whether or not to license the Vauxhall Vivaro to carry eight passengers, two passengers being carried in the front.

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