



Regulatory Panel

Date: Friday, 19 May 2023

Time: 9.45 a.m.

Venue: Committee Room 3 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Panel are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests, in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

2. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST - VAUXHALL INSIGNIA, REGISTRATION NUMBER DA13 CVP (Pages 1 - 4)

3. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST - PEUGEOT E7, REGISTRATION NUMBER SJ56 MDU (Pages 5 - 8)

4. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST - PEUGEOT BOXER, REGISTRATION NUMBER YJ16 GWF (Pages 9 - 14)

5. 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.

6. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (SM) (Pages 15 - 18)

7. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (LTH) (Pages 19 - 24)



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REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider a request to license a Vauxhall Insignia, registration number DA13 CVP as a Private Hire Vehicle, outside of the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regulatory Panel is recommended to determine whether to license the Vauxhall Insignia, registration number DA13 CVP, as a Private Hire Vehicle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 A request has been made to license the Vauxhall Insignia, registration number DA13 CVP outside of the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. It is a delegated function of the Regulatory Panel to determine whether to licence a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle where it does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the request to license the Vauxhall Insignia, registration number DA13 CVP, be determined by an Officer in line with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles within the Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the request being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence as set out in the Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy includes the following:
1. Vehicles must be under 10 years of age from the date of manufacture or date of first registration, whichever is the earliest.
 2. Once a vehicle reaches 6 years of age it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
 3. Any vehicle which is more than 9 years and 6 months old will be issued with a licence that will expire on the day before it reaches 10 years old.
- 3.2 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Hussain, has requested to license the vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.3 The vehicle was first licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 26 January 2022. The most recent licence expired on 9 May 2023.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 9 May 2013.
- 3.5 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- 3.6 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Section 48 (1) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that a district council shall not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the vehicle is:

- Suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle
- Not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage
- In a suitable mechanical condition
- Safe and Comfortable
- That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance

5.2 Section 48 (7) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that any person aggrieved by the refusal of a district council to grant a vehicle licence under this section, or by any conditions specified in such a licence, may appeal to a magistrates' court.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are safety implications arising out of this report as the Regulatory Panel must be satisfied that the vehicle is safe, suitable and comfortable to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and has passed the MOT and Compliance tests.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Petrol and diesel vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

10.2 Hybrid and electric cars emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants than petrol and diesel cars. (Source: European Environment Agency report 2018)

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

MOT pass certificate

Compliance Test pass certificate

Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

European Environment Agency Report 2018

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Regulatory Panel who are delegated to determine such matters in accordance with Section 8.4 of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee's Terms of Reference referred to in Part 3, Section B of the Council's constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

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REPORT TITLE	HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider a request to license a Peugeot E7, registration number SJ56 MDU, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle outside of the current age policy for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Regulatory Panel is recommended to determine whether to license the Peugeot E7, registration number SJ56 MDU, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine requests for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences where the vehicle is over three years old.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the request to license the Peugeot E7, registration number SJ56 MDU, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles, in that it is more than 3 years old from the date of manufacture or the date of first registration whichever is the earlier.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence includes the following:
1. Vehicles must be under 3 years of age from the date of manufacture or date of first registration, whichever is the earliest.
 2. Once a vehicle reaches 10 years of age it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
- 3.2 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Johnson has requested to license the vehicle.
- 3.3 The vehicle was first licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle on 15 September 2008. The most recent licence expired on 31 March 2023.
- 3.4 Mr Johnson was unable to renew the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence as he was unable to have repairs completed on the vehicle and have the vehicle subsequently tested in advance of the licence expiring.
- 3.5 The vehicle has since been tested at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- 3.6 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 2 October 2006.
- 3.7 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that:

- A district council may attach to the grant of a licence of a hackney carriage under the Town Police Clauses Act of 1847 such conditions as the district council may consider reasonably necessary.
- Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing subsection, a district council may require any hackney carriage licensed by them under the Town Police Clauses Act of 1847 to be of such design or appearance or bear such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a hackney carriage.

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

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are safety implications arising out of this report as the Panel must be satisfied that the vehicle is safe to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and has passed the MOT and Compliance tests.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles includes a requirement for the vehicle to be purpose built and built to accommodate disabled passengers in wheelchairs within the rear passenger compartment.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Petrol and diesel vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

10.2 Hybrid and electric cars emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants than petrol and diesel cars. (Source: European Environment Agency Report 2018).

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REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider a request to license a Peugeot Boxer, registration number YJ16 GWF, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that Private Hire Vehicles that are wheelchair accessible and rear loading, using a tailgate system, may only be used for home to school contract work.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regulatory Panel is recommended to determine whether to license the Peugeot Boxer, registration number YJ16 GWF, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that Private Hire Vehicles that are wheelchair accessible and rear loading, using a tailgate system, may only be used for home to school contract work.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 A request has been made to license the Peugeot Boxer, registration number YJ16 GWF outside of the current policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. It is a delegated function of the Regulatory Panel to determine whether to licence a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle where it does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the request to license the Peugeot Boxer, registration number YJ16 GWF, be determined by an officer in line with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles within the Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the request being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Wirral Council must be satisfied that vehicles licensed as private hire vehicles are suitable in type, size and design for use as private hire vehicles, that it is in a suitable mechanical condition and is safe and comfortable.

- 3.2 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence as set out in the Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy includes the following:

- The vehicle must be fitted with at least 4 doors and 4 wheels
- The vehicle must be capable of carrying at least 4 and not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver.
- The vehicle must 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.
- Any vehicle with a top tread for the entrance which exceeds 38cm must be fitted with a step to allow easy access to and egress from the vehicle. Any vehicle that does not have a step fitted must carry a portable step to be available for use by all passengers.
- The vehicle must comply in all respects with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle (Type Approval) Regulations 1980 and the Motor Vehicle (Type Approval) Regulations (Great Britain) 1984 and be M1 type approved in accordance with European Whole Vehicle Type Approval 70/156/EEC as amended.
- Any converted vehicles will be required to hold the appropriate low volume type approval certificate in the M1 classification or the appropriate Individual Vehicle Approval Certificate.
- The vehicle presented for approval must, as a minimum, comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and any subsequent amendment or re-enactment thereof.

- 3.3 In addition to the above criteria, on 13 November 2019 the Licensing Health and Safety General Purposes Committee further resolved the following:
- Any vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle that is wheelchair accessible must be a side loading wheelchair accessible vehicle; or
 - Any vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle that is wheelchair accessible may be a side loading wheelchair accessible vehicle or a rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicle; or
 - Any vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle that is wheelchair accessible and is a rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicle may only be used to undertake school contract work.
- 3.4 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Wright, has requested that the vehicle be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle without the restriction that it may only be used to undertake home to school contract work.
- 3.5 Mr Wright has provided the following reasons as to why the vehicle should be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle outside of the current criteria:
- The wheelchair occupant is seated forward facing, rather than rear facing.
 - In addition to a wheelchair user, this vehicle is capable of carrying other occupants and has space for luggage and other equipment.
 - Mr Wright frequently receives requests for airport transfers, days out and events for families with a wheelchair user.
 - Mr Wright has enquiries from nursing homes and other members of the public who wish to find a suitable wheelchair service.
- 3.6 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 24 March 2016.
- 3.7 Should the Regulatory Panel determine that the vehicle may be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle it will be necessary for it to be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations in order for it to receive a valid MOT and Compliance certificate.
- 3.8 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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