



Licensing Panel

Date:	Wednesday, 21 April 2010
Time:	10.00 am
Venue:	Committee Room 3 - 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. OVER-AGE VEHICLE - PEUGEOT 406, REGISTRATION NUMBER Y805 OBU (Pages 1 - 2)

4. 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.

5. HOME SCHOOL CONTRACT PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (AB) (Pages 3 - 6)

- 6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (ROI) (Pages 7 - 10)**
- 7. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (CM) (Pages 11 - 12)**
- 8. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (SPM) (Pages 13 - 14)**
- 9. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (WGP) (Pages 15 - 18)**
- 10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR**

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
LICENSING PANEL – 21 APRIL 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE - APPLICATION

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider whether they are willing to re-license the following vehicle: a Peugeot 406, registration number Y805 OBU, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 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 Slater 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 13 October 2006 and the current licence expired on 12 April 2010.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 1 March 2001.
- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 12 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, the Council's authorised testing station, the licence was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 On expiry of that licence on 12 October 2009, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted.

3.6 The vehicle has being examined at Walsh Autos and the pass slip is attached to this report.

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 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Article 6 and Article 1 of the First Protocol are of relevance.

7.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

8.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 This report affects the entire Borough.

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 The application form applying for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 Members are asked to consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further period of six months.

This report was prepared by Margaret Calvert who can be contacted on 0151 691 8476.

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