



Licensing Panel

Date:	Friday, 26 February 2016
Time:	9.45 am
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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 APPLICATION - RENAULT ESPACE, REGISTRATION NUMBER PLG 333D (Pages 1 - 4)

3. APPLICATION TO LICENSE A MERCEDES VITO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE (Pages 5 - 34)

4. APPLICATION TO LICENSE A FORD TOURNEO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE (Pages 35 - 56)

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

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

6. 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.

7. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CONVICTION (MJW) (Pages 57 - 60)**
8. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CONVICTION (PJLO'C) (Pages 61 - 64)**
9. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (PV) (Pages 65 - 68)**
10. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (MDT) (Pages 69 - 72)**
11. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (PSH) (Pages 73 - 76)**
12. **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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26 FEBRUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Renault Espace, registration number PLG 333D, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle, registration number PLG 333D, for a further six months.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 22 May 2013 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved that:

- 1 The maximum age for a vehicle to be licensed as a private hire vehicle be ten years from the date of first registration or manufacture, whichever is the earlier and that this Policy is to have immediate effect.
- 2 The Licensing Panel be delegated with the authority to act outside this policy.

- 3.2 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 ten years old.

- 3.3 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Parker has applied to re-license his vehicle for a further six months.

- 3.4 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 28 February 2005 and the current licence is due to expire on 27 February 2016.

- 3.5 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 6 May 2004. The vehicle will therefore be twelve years old on 6 May 2016.

- 3.6 On expiry of previous licences on 27 February 2014, 27 August 2014, 27 February 2015 and 27 August 2015, applications were considered by the Licensing Panel to grant further six month licences and these applications were granted.

- 3.7 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate will be available at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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 none arising from this report.

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.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

MOT certificate

Compliance pass certificate

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Panel	8 February 2013
	14 March 2014
	12 September 2014
	13 February 2015
	4 September 2015

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REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION TO LICENSE A MERCEDES VITO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license a Mercedes Vito as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider whether or not to license the Mercedes Vito 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 approve vehicles that can be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 2 March 2006 Members considered an application to license a Peugeot E7 as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. Members also approved revised Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions. It was further resolved that should any new makes of vehicle be presented for licensing as Hackney Carriage Vehicles, they should be the subject of a report, so that the Committee can determine whether such vehicles meet the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions and are purpose built. A copy of the licence conditions are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 At the meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 25 November 2015 Members resolved that the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel.
- 3.3 An application has been received from Shaun Marnell to license a new make of vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, namely a Mercedes Vito.
- 3.4 A copy of the vehicle brochure is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 Mr Marnell states that the vehicle has European Whole Vehicle Type Approval to M1 requirements and has been issued with a Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) certificate, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.6 Type Approval is a system for testing and approving motor vehicles and for controlling conformity of production to be consistent with the approved type. Under the type approval system category M1 relates to passenger carrying vehicles having no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat. UK law defines a taxi as an M1 vehicle.
- 3.7 An officer has inspected the vehicle and is satisfied that it complies with the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence conditions.
- 3.8 A vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting and Mr Marnell will be present to answer any questions Members may have.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to legal challenge.

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 none arising from this report.

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.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions

Appendix 2 – Vehicle brochure

Appendix 3 – VCA certificate

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT 1976 – PART II

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE

PART 1 - NOTES

- A** In this document the “Licensing Authority” means Wirral Borough Council’ its Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee, its Licensing Panel and its Authorised Officers
- B** It must be understood that, although the conditions set out in this document have been complied with, approval may be withheld if the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the vehicle is unsuitable for public use.
- C** Although the Licensing Authority may extend its approval of any particular type of taxicab to all other taxicabs conforming to the design of that type it must be understood that the Licensing Authority may withdraw such general approval if, in their opinion, any unsuitable features arise.
- D** The conditions set out in this document are made under section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

PART 2 - CONDITIONS OF FITNESS

1.0 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

- 1.1** All vehicles must be purpose built and built to accommodate disabled passengers in wheelchairs in the rear passenger compartment.
- 1.2** All vehicles 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. Every new vehicle offered for approval must comply in all respects with the British and European vehicle regulations and be "type approved" to the requirements of the M or M1 category of European Whole Type Approval 70/156/EEC as amended. Those vehicles which have not been "type approved" to M or M1 categories must be presented with approved certification that the specific vehicle meets the requirements of M or M1 categories.
- 1.3** All vehicles must have separate driver and passenger compartments, which must be separated by a partition.
- 1.4** Vehicles presented for initial approval and while in use must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and any subsequent amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- 1.5** The steering wheel must be on the offside of the vehicle.
- 1.6** Windows must have no more than 25% tint value, to allow maximum visibility into

and out of the vehicle.

- 1.7 No fittings other than those approved by the Licensing Authority may be attached to or be carried upon the inside or outside of the vehicle.
- 1.8 Any vehicle that has been the subject of significant damage rectification repairs will not be licensed unless such repairs have been carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's specification.
- 1.9 Once a vehicle reaches 10 years of age, or earlier at the discretion of the Licensing Authority, it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
- 1.10 The Licensing Authority will not accept vehicle test pass slips submitted more than 28 days after the date of test.

2.0 WHEELS AND TYRES

- 2.1 The vehicle must carry at all times a serviceable spare wheel and tyre, together with the proper tools and equipment to change the wheel in the event of a tyre becoming defective
- 2.2 All tyres must be marked "TAXI" or must be of an appropriate speed and weight rating and must be compatible with the meter, at all times.
- 2.3 Retread tyres must comply with the British Standards Institution requirement BS.AU144E as amended.
- 2.4 All tyres, including the spare, must be
 - suitable for the vehicle,
 - properly inflated,
 - have a continuous tread depth of at least 1.6mm across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tread,
 - free from cuts and other defects.
- 2.5 Where a vehicle is supplied with wheels intended to be fitted with wheel trims, all four road wheels must be fitted with wheel trims of a similar pattern.

3.0 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Any additional electrical installation to the original equipment must be adequately insulated and be protected by suitable fuses.

4.0 FIRE APPLIANCES

- 4.1 An appliance for extinguishing fire must be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use and such appliances must be independently certified that they are

manufactured to meet the requirements of BS EN3 1996 and have a minimum fire rating of 5a and 34b. The appliance must be clearly marked with the licence number of the vehicle.

N.B. The Department of Transport advises that dry powder fire extinguishers should NOT be used in passenger carrying vehicles due to inhalation risks. An AFFF (Aqueous film-forming foam) extinguisher is recommended. In the event of a vehicle fire it is the driver's PRIORITY to GET THE PASSENGERS OUT.

5.0 FUEL SYSTEMS

- 5.1** A device must be provided whereby the supply of fuel to the engine may be immediately cut off.
- 5.2** A manually operated device must have its location together with the means of operation and "off" position clearly marked on the outside of the vehicle. In the case of a vehicle fitted with an automatic inertia fuel cut off switch, no markings are required.
- 5.3** Any engine powered by liquid petroleum gas (LPG), compressed natural gas (CNG), petrol or any combination of these fuels must be fitted with an automatic fuel cut off device. They must also have a manually operated fuel cut off device externally mounted which is easily visible and readily accessible at all times from the outside of the vehicle with its location and means of operation clearly marked.

6.0 INTERIOR LIGHTING

- 6.1** Adequate lighting must be provided for the driver and passengers.
- 6.2** Separate lighting controls for both passenger and driver must be provided.
- 6.3** In the case of the passenger compartment, an illuminated control switch must be fitted in an approved position.
- 6.4** Lighting must be provided at floor level to each passenger door and be activated by the opening of the doors.
- 6.5** Passenger compartment light switches and window controls must be within easy reach of all passengers

7.0 SEAT BELTS

- 7.1** Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with lap and diagonal seatbelts on all seats, including rear facing seats.

8.0 DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT

- 8.1** The driver's compartment must be so designed that the driver has adequate room, can easily reach and quickly operate the controls and give hand signals on the outside of the vehicle.

- 8.2 A serviceable device for demisting the windscreen must be fitted.
- 8.3 Every vehicle must be provided with a means of communications between the passenger and the driver.
- 8.4 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an intercom type system to permit the driver and passengers to communicate verbally.
- 8.5 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an induction loop system.
- 8.6 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with a head restraint on the drivers seat.
- 8.7 A notepad and pen must be carried at all times within the vehicle to enable the driver to communicate with passengers when necessary.

9.0 PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

- 9.1 Occasional seats must be so arranged as to rise automatically when not in use.
- 9.2 The rear seat dimensions must be adequate to carry three adult passengers comfortably.
- 9.3 Suitable means must be provided to assist persons to rise from the rear seat with particular attention to the needs of elderly and disabled persons.
- 9.4 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must have colour contrasting sight patches on all passenger seats.
- 9.5 Every vehicle must be built to accommodate disabled passengers in wheelchairs and equipped in order that disabled passengers in wheelchairs may be carried comfortably and safely.
- 9.6 Anchorages must be provided for the wheelchair and occupant. These anchorages must be either chassis or floor linked. Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must have wheelchair anchorages tested to Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) recommended standards.
- 9.7 Restraints for wheelchair and occupant must be independent of each other.
- 9.8 Anchorages must also be provided for the safe stowage of a wheelchair when not in use, whether folded or otherwise, if carried within the passenger compartment.
- 9.9 Colour contrasting grab handles must be placed at door entrances to aid passenger access to and egress from the vehicle.
- 9.10 The outer edge of the floor at each entrance must be fitted with non-slip treads.
- 9.11 The top tread for any entrance must not exceed 38 cm above ground level when the vehicle is un-laden, except as detailed in paragraph 9.12 below.

- 9.12** Where the top tread for the entrance exceeds 38 cm then a moveable intermediate step must be provided at each entrance into the passenger compartment. The intermediate step must be encased beneath the vehicle. When not in use and when ever the vehicle is in motion the step must not extend outwards beyond the vertical line of the bodywork. The step must be covered with a suitable non-slip surface with the edges of the step highlighted yellow. The step must be etched with the registration number of the vehicle.

10.0 WHEELCHAIR RAMPS

- 10.1** A ramp or ramps for the loading of a wheelchair and occupant must be available at all times for use at the nearside rear passenger door.
- 10.2** An adequate locking device must be fitted to ensure that the ramp/ramps do not slip or tilt when in use.
- 10.3** Provision must be made for the ramps to be stowed safely when not in use.
- 10.4** The ramp surface must be covered with a non-slip material.
- 10.5** The edges of the ramp surface must be marked in a high-contrast colour scheme.
- 10.6** The ramp must have a minimum safe working load of 300kg.
- 10.7** When in use the ramp must be securely located at the point of wheelchair entry.
- 10.8** Ramps must be stowed in a position so as not to cause injury to the driver or passengers in the event of an accident.
- 10.9** The ramp must be etched with the registration number of the vehicle.

11.0 WINDOWS

- 11.1** Windows must be provided at the sides and at the rear.
- 11.2** Passenger door windows must be capable of being easily opened by passengers when seated. The control for opening a door window must be clearly identified so as not to be mistaken for any other control.
- 11.3** The registration number of the vehicle must be etched on all windows and glass partitions.

12.0 HEATING AND VENTILATION

- 12.1** An adequate heating and ventilation system must be provided for the driver and passengers with independent controls for the driver and passengers.

13.0 DOORS

- 13.1** An automatic door locking device must be fitted to passenger doors.
- 13.2** When the vehicle is stationary, the passenger doors must be capable of being readily opened from the inside and outside of the vehicle by one operation of the latch mechanism.
- 13.3** The interior door handle must be of a contrasting colour and clearly identified to prevent it being mistaken for any other control.
- 13.4** A hinged door must be capable of being opened to a minimum angle of 90 degrees.
- 13.5** Where sliding doors are fitted
- The interior door handle must be clearly visible, of a contrasting colour, and easily accessible to passengers when the door is in the fully open position.
 - There must be reflective strips approved by the Licensing Authority on both the front and rear edges of the door.
 - Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an illuminated sign bearing the words "Door Open" clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle. This sign must be automatically linked to the passenger doors in order that when either door handle is activated to open the door, the sign is illuminated.
- 13.6** There must be a sign within the passenger compartment, clearly visible to all passengers, giving instructions on the correct operation of the passenger door.
- 13.7** An audible or visual warning must be fitted in the driver's compartment indicating when any door is open.

14.0 FARE TABLE

- 14.1** A frame must be provided for the fare table and affixed in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.

15.0 ILLUMINATED SIGN AND WINDOW STICKER

- 15.1** An illuminated sign displaying the licence number of the vehicle must be exhibited within the cab in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 15.2** The current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence sticker must be fixed to the nearside glass partition in such a manner that it is clearly visible to persons inside the vehicle.

16.0 FLOOR COVERING

- 16.1** The flooring of the passenger compartment must be covered with a non-slip material, that can be easily cleaned.
- 16.2** The floor covering must not impede the movement of wheelchairs.

17.0 LUGGAGE

- 17.1 Provision must be made for the carrying of luggage.
- 17.2 Provision must be made for luggage to be kept separate from the passenger seating area.
- 17.3 Provision must be made for luggage to be secured at all times.

18.0 TAXIMETER

- 18.1 A taximeter of an approved type must be fitted in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 18.2 Every vehicle which is in service from 1 January 2007 must be fitted with a calendar control taximeter.

19.0 "TAXI" SIGN

- 19.1 A "taxi" sign approved by the Licensing Authority must be fitted in a such a position that it is clearly visible by day and night when the cab is available for hire

20.0 RADIO APPARATUS

- 20.1 Where apparatus for the operation of a two-way radio system is fitted to a taxicab, no part of the apparatus may be fixed in the passenger compartment or in the rear boot compartment if LPG tanks or equipment are located therein.
- 20.2 Any other radio equipment, either in the passenger or driver compartment, must be approved by the Licensing Authority.

21.0 MAINTENANCE

- 21.1 Vehicles, including all fittings, wheelchair ramps, etc. must be maintained and kept clean and in good working order in accordance with Wirral Borough Council's Vehicle Inspection Policy.
- 21.2 The vehicle is at all times subject to test and inspection. Any vehicle not found to be properly maintained or kept in good working order may be the subject of a notice prohibiting the proprietor from using the vehicle until the defect has been rectified.

22.0 CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- 22.1 The vehicle must at all times be covered by an insurance policy allowing its use for public hire.

- 22.2** A current certificate of insurance, as required by any Acts or Regulations relating to motor vehicles, must be carried in a holder securely affixed to the cab in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 22.3** The certificate must clearly show that the vehicle is insured for the purpose of public hire and detail the full names of all drivers covered by the certificate.

23.0 CHANGES TO VEHICLE

- 23.1** No material alterations or change to the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Licensing Authority during any time that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence is in force.

PART 3 - CONDITIONS

24.0 ACCIDENT DAMAGE

- 24.1** Every incident where a vehicle sustains damage must be reported in writing to the Licensing Authority no later than 72 hours after the damage has been sustained.

For the avoidance of doubt, slight scratches and stone chips that do not materially affect the use of the vehicle do not need to be reported.

- 24.2** The vehicle must not be used for hire where damage to the vehicle may affect the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle until such damage has been satisfactorily repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and the repair has been reported to the Licensing Authority.

25.0 DRIVERS

- 25.1** The Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must only allow licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers to drive the licensed vehicle for any purpose whatsoever.
- 25.2** The Proprietor must retain the hackney carriage driver's licence (or copy thereof) of each driver of the vehicle, and must return the licence or copy to the driver when the driver ceases to work for him.
- 25.3** If the Proprietor has cause for complaint and is unwilling to release the licence to the driver, then the licence must be returned to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours of the driver having requested it. Such return must be accompanied by a written complaint setting out the subject matter of the dispute or complaint.

26.0 IN-CAB SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

- 26.1** In-cab surveillance systems may be installed to aid prevention and detection of criminal activity subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.
- 26.2** Each system must take full account of passenger and driver safety.
- 26.3** The security of data captured on any system must remain secure at all times and only be accessible to approved bodies such as the Licensing Authority or the police.
- 26.4** The proprietor/driver must at all times comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, the Code of Practice and all other relevant legislation and regulations.
- 26.2** Signs to inform the public that a camera system is in operation must be displayed in a clear and distinctly visible manner at all times.

27.0 ADVERTISEMENTS

- 27.1** Advertisements are permitted to be displayed in or on the vehicle, subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.
- 27.2** Advertisements for alcohol, tobacco or other inappropriate matter are not permitted.
- 27.3** Advertisements must not be placed on the driver's compartment partition or on windows, except as detailed in paragraphs 27.4 below.
- 27.4** Subject to approval by the Licensing Authority, advertisements may be placed on the rear window. The material used for such advertisements must not impede the driver's rear vision.
- 27.5** "No smoking, eating or drinking" signs may be displayed on rear passenger compartment windows and the driver's compartment partition, subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.

28.0 BADGES AND EMBLEMS

- 28.1** In addition to advertisements displayed in accordance with paragraph 27 above, vehicles may display the official badge or emblem of organisations:
- That provide emergency vehicle repair and/or recovery services.
 - Membership of which indicates that the driver possesses professional skills/qualifications, which enhance the taxi service provided to the public.
- 28.2** Badges may be affixed to the front of the vehicle only in such a manner as not to be:
- detrimental to the operation of the vehicle,
 - likely to cause injury to any person, or

- to detract from any authorised sign that the vehicle may be required to display.

28.3 No other advertisement, badge or emblem is to be exhibited other than is provided for in paragraphs 27 and 28.

29.0 IN-CAB DISPLAY SCREENS

29.1 Electronic screens may be used, subject to approval by the Licensing Authority.

29.2 The position of the screen must not distract the driver of the vehicle.

29.3 The screen must not be positioned so that it can be seen from outside the vehicle.

29.4 The advertisements displayed on the screen must comply with the requirements in paragraph 27.2 above.

30.0 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

30.1 A Proprietor or Part Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of any change of address within 7 days of such change taking place.

31.0 CONVICTIONS

31.1 The Proprietor or Part Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must disclose to the Licensing Authority, in writing, details of any convictions imposed on him whilst the licence is in force, within 7 days of receiving such conviction.

32.0 TRANSFER

32.1 If the Proprietor or Part-Proprietor wishes to transfer the vehicle to another person he must before or within 14 days after such transfer give notice thereof in writing to the Licensing Authority specifying the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle will be or has been transferred.

32.2 If the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the person to whom the licence has been transferred is not a suitable person to hold the licence, it may, on application for renewal of that licence, refuse, suspend or revoke the licence provided that there is reasonable cause to do so.

IF YOU ARE AGGRIEVED BY ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE CONDITIONS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO A MAGISTRATES' COURT WITHIN 21 DAYS

Vito Taxi from Mercedes-Benz and Cab Direct



**THREE YEAR
UNLIMITED MILEAGE
MERCEDES WARRANTY**

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- 03. The Ultimate Hackney Taxi
- 04. Driveability
- 05. Comfort & Convenience
- 06. Space
- 07. Access for All
- 08. Economy
- 09. Safety & Support
- 10. Technical Specification
- 11. Features & Options

All information correct at time of going to press.
Specifications may be subject to alteration.

The Ultimate Hackney Taxi



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Take pride in your profession and outclass the competition with the quality, reliability and style that are the hallmarks of the Mercedes-Benz family.

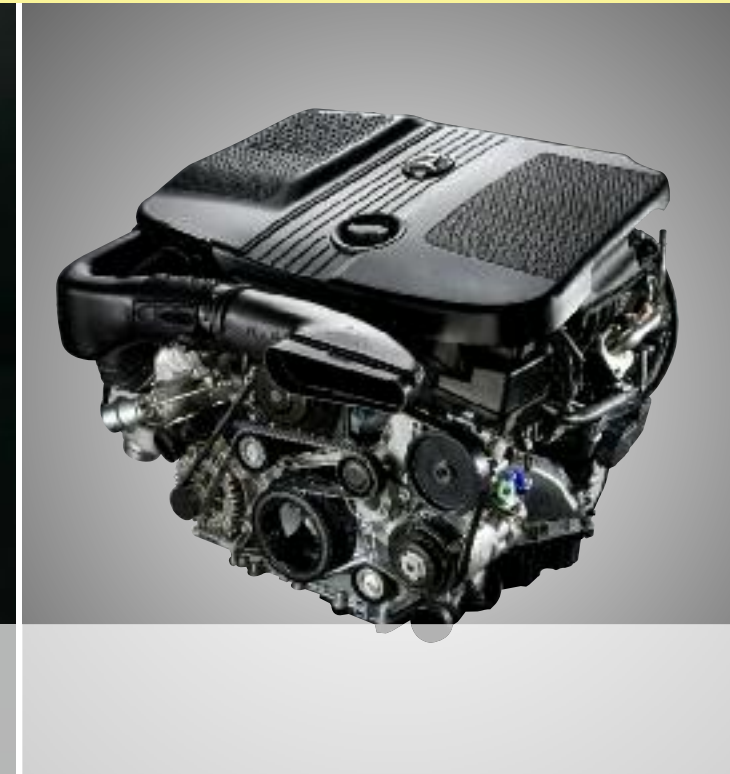
When you consider how much time you spend behind the wheel, why shouldn't you enjoy a comfortable working environment? What's more, when your vehicle's your business, it pays to make a good impression every time.

Designed and manufactured to impress, the *Vito Taxi* combines superb engineering with full hackney features for the perfect working environment.

The Mercedes brand inevitably prompts high expectations – the *Vito Taxi* won't disappoint.

**VITO
TAXI**

Driveability



A Pleasure to Drive

On the road, the *Vito Taxi* exceeds all expectations. Enter a world of pleasurable driving thanks to Mercedes-Benz lively, high torque engine – ideal for those full payloads. Combine this with intelligent drive design and all-round independent suspension and *Vito Taxi's* handling always retains a forgiving character, even when driving with a full complement of luggage-carrying passengers.

Power Plant

The *Vito Taxi* comes to you with Mercedes' 4-cylinder, CDI diesel engine which opens up new dimensions in power, performance and environmental efficiency. This superb engine offers plenty of rev-pulling power, making for superb responsiveness and driveability, even in the heaviest traffic. With *Vito Taxi* you can be assured of first rate workmanship, legendary durability and unique reliability.

Comfort & Convenience



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Comfort Cab

The Mercedes marque is synonymous with strength, comfort, build quality and reliability. *Vito Taxi* is no exception.

You'll immediately feel at home in the spacious and well equipped driver's compartment. Ergonomically shaped for a commanding driving position, *Vito Taxi's* comfort seat comes with a wide adjustment range to ensure you can always find the driving position that best suits you.

Add standard features such as the multi-function steering wheel, one-touch electric windows, cup holder, centre console and other handy storage areas and you have the perfect working environment - ideal for those long shifts spent behind the wheel.

Add electric rear passenger doors and you have everything you need at your fingertips.

Space



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Bags of Space

Hotel or office, station or airport, business or pleasure - today's passengers frequently come with serious baggage requirements. That's why the Vito Taxi comes with a specially developed, contoured, front luggage pen. Additional items can be stored in the boot area, behind the rear passenger seats. Plus the rear compartment is generously equipped to carry six customers, with ample legroom and space to spare.

VITO TAXI

Access for All



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Ease of Access

Being able to cater for every passenger is paramount in the hackney trade. That's why the *Vito Taxi* has been designed with access features such as grab handles and twin electric side-steps as standard to make your working life a breeze.

Bright coloured strips on seating and steps are particularly useful for people with visual impairment.

Wheelchair Work

The *Vito Taxi* comes with a lightweight, fast-deploy ramp which offers the ultimate in quick and convenient wheelchair access. Robust and simple to operate, the ramp provides a solid platform for loading wheelchair passengers safely and with ease.

Once inside the vehicle, the self-adjusting restraints and full lap and diagonal seat belts make safely securing the wheelchair passenger quick and easy too.

Economy



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In these competitive times – particularly as a cabbie - minimising financial outlay is more important than ever. With state of the art common-rail engine technology, high pressure injection and exhaust turbocharger, Mercedes' diesel engine combines optimum performance with economical fuel consumption. BlueEFFICIENCY under the bonnet, means less time at the fuel pump and reduced CO2 emissions too.

Vehicle Maintenance

High quality engineering reliability, together with service intervals of up to 18,000 miles, is your promise of spending more time on the road earning. The ASSYST service level indicator will help you schedule service and maintenance around the needs of your business. Vito Taxi has also been designed to make any problems easy to diagnose and address, helping keep costs and lost time down should you ever have a need for repairs.

Safety & Support



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Safety First

Mercedes-Benz' legendary commitment to continuous improvement has created a vehicle of outstanding safety for everyone on board. The unique Electronic Stability Programme combined with powerful disc brakes and anti-locking braking system (ABS) keep braking distances reassuringly short and ensure the vehicle remains in control, even in emergency situations. You also have the reassurance of European Whole Vehicle Type Approval.



3 year unlimited mileage warranty

Peace of Mind

Recognised as the UK's favourite taxi supplier, we are committed to providing the best after-sales service in the business. That's why we operate a dedicated customer service centre offering free technical advice, seven days a week. You'll also have access to a national network of over 200 manufacturer approved local service dealers, many of which offer twenty four hour servicing. Add to this the Mercedes-Benz three year unlimited mileage warranty and you have complete peace of mind.

Technical Specification

Engine	
Type	4-cylinder turbo-charged & intercooled CDi 113
Emission standard	Euro 5
Fuel	Diesel
Fuel injection	Common-rail direct injection
Cubic capacity	2,143
Power	136bhp @ 3,800 rpm
Torque	310 Nm @ 1,600/2,400 rpm
Maintenance	
Service intervals	Average 18,000 miles (automatic calculation plus ASSYST warning indicator)
Transmission	
Automatic	5-speed with tiptronic function
Fuel Consumption (mpg)	
Urban	28.0
Extra urban	40.9
Combined	34.9
Wheels & Tyres	
Wheels	6.5J x 16"
Tyres	195 / 65 R 16
Electrical	
Alternator (V/A)	14 / 180
Battery (V/ah)	12 / 100

Brakes	
Front & rear	Floating calliper discs, internally ventilated (front) with ABS & ESP automatic pad wear indicator
Parking	Floor-operated
Suspension	
Front	Independent McPherson struts with coil springs, shock absorbers & stabiliser
Rear	Semi-trailing arm axle with coil springs & shock absorbers
Steering	
Type	Power-assisted rack & pinion
Fuel tank	
Capacity (Litres)	75
Weight (kg)	
Kerb weight	2,160
Gross vehicle weight	2,800
Dimensions (mm)	
Overall height	1,900
Overall length	4,763
Overall width	2,241
Wheelbase	3,200
Passenger Capacities	
Rear	6 (3 bench / 3 tip-up)
Front	Driver and front luggage pen

Features & Options

Taxi Features	
Full impact-resistant partition screen with pay area	✓
Two way intercom with automatic radio intercept	✓
Ready calibrated taxi-meter	●
Front LED high visibility taxi sign	✓
Electrically operated side passenger doors	✓
Full wheelchair access with lightweight flatbed ramp	✓
Detachable hard-wearing rear carpet	✓
Twin electric side steps	✓
Visibility strips on seating and steps	✓
Automatic motion locking on passenger doors (above 3mph)	✓
Grab handles	✓
Punctureseal™ tyre life extender	●
Supagard professional interior and exterior protection	●
Spare wheel and carrier	✓
Comfort and Convenience	
Air conditioning front and rear	✓
Electric windows front and rear	✓
Tom Tom satellite navigation	●
Central locking with remote control	✓
Height and reach adjustable steering wheel	✓
Driver's comfort seat with lumbar support and armrest	✓
Cruise control and speed limiter	✓
Leatherette upholstery	✓
Electrically adjustable and heated wide-angle door mirrors	✓
Halogen headlamps with range adjustment	✓
Cup holder and console	✓
Auxiliary heater in rear compartment	✓
Additional step well lighting	✓
Seating	
Six seat rear compartment	✓
Front luggage area in place of passenger seat	✓

Standard ✓ Optional ●

*Terms and conditions apply.

Entertainment	
Radio/CD player with MP3 compatibility and Bluetooth® phone support	✓
Interior Features	
Digital quartz clock	✓
12 volt rear socket	✓
Additional rear compartment lighting	✓
Rev counter	✓
Warning lights	✓
Overhead, dash and under-seat storage	✓
Wood-effect dashboard	●
Exterior Features	
Hydraulic-assisted tailgate	✓
Metallic paint	✓
Tinted glass with filterband	✓
Colour coded bumpers	✓
Full size wheel trims	✓
Safety	
Front stabiliser	✓
3-point inertia seat belts for all seats	✓
Driver's airbag with emergency fuel cut-off	✓
High-quality tensioning wheelchair restraints and seat belt	✓
All-round disc brakes	✓
Anti-locking braking system (ABS)	✓
Electronic stability programme (ESP)	✓
Triple brake lights	✓
Safety steering column	✓
Parking sensors front and rear	✓
Security	
Electronic immobiliser	✓
Panic button locking all doors against unwanted entry	✓
Warranty and Breakdown Cover*	
Mercedes-Benz 3 year unlimited mileage warranty	✓
3 year additional components warranty	✓
3 year Mercedes breakdown cover	✓

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EC CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY

The undersigned:.....D. Roche Technical Director

Hereby certifies that the vehicle:

1 Make (trade name of manufacturer) Penso City Vehicles Ltd

2 Type: Mercedes-Benz 639

Variant & Version: **Vito Taxi**

3 Commercial Name: Mercedes-Benz Vito Taxi

4 Category:

5 Name and address of the manufacturer of the base vehicle:

Daimler AG
 D-70546
 Stuttgart
 Germany

Name and address of the manufacturer of the latest build stage of vehicle:

Penso City Vehicles Ltd.
 Woodhams Road
 Coventry CV3 4FX

6 Location of statutory plate/label: On forward side of LH B-pillar

Vehicle Identification Number **WDF63970123880449**

Location of vehicle identification number on chassis: On lower windscreen panel (visible through hatch in trim panel at base of windscreen)

Base vehicle: Mercedes-Benz 639 (Vito)
 Manufacturer: Daimler AG
 EC type approval number: e9*2001/116*0048
 Dated: 27/06/2008

Stage 2 manufacturer: Penso City Vehicles Ltd.
 EC type approval number: e11*2001/116*0336*01
 Dated: 18/08/2009

The vehicle can be permanently registered without further EC type approvals in Member states having left hand traffic and using both metric and imperial units for the speedometer

Signed


 D. Roche (Technical Director)

at Coventry on

08 January 2015



Side 2

For complete or completed vehicles of Category M1

(The values and units indicated below are those given in the EC type approval documentation of the relevant Directives. In the case of conformity production (COP) tests, the values must be verified according to the methods laid down in the relevant Directives taking into account the COP test tolerances allowed in those Directives.)

1.	Number of axles:	2	and wheels:	4
2.	Powered axles:	1 Rear		
3.	Wheelbase:	3200mm		
5.	Axle(s) track:	1.	1630-1642mm	2.
6.1	Length:	4748mm		
7.1	Width:	1906mm		
8.	Height:	1903mm		
11.	Rear Overhang	765mm		
12.1	Mass of vehicle with bodywork in running order:	2125-2200kg		
14.1	Technically permissible maximum laden mass:	2770kg		
14.2	Distribution of this mass among axles:	1.	2770kg	
		2.	1385kg	
		1.	1470kg	
14.3	Technically permissible mass on each axle	1.	1470kg	
		2.	150kg	
16.	Maximum permissible roof load	150kg		
17.	Maximum mass of trailer:	(braked):	2000kg (unbraked): 750kg	
18.	Maximum mass of combination:	4770kg		
19.1	Maximum vertical load at the coupling point for a trailer:	150kg		
20.	Engine Manufacturer:	Daimler AG		
21.	Engine code as marked on engine:	646,980		
22.	Working principle:	Compression ignition		
22.1	Direction Injection:	Yes		
23.	Number and arrangement of cylinders:	4 in line		
24.	Capacity:	2148 c.c.		
25.	Fuel:	Diesel		
26.	Maximum net power:	85.0 kW@3800 r.p.m.		
27.	Clutch (type)	Hydraulic		
28.	Gearbox (type)	Automatic 5 speeds + reverse		
29.	Gear ratios:	1: 1.3.595 2: 1.2.186 3: 1.1.405 4: 1.1.000 5: 1.0.831		
30.	Final Drive ratio:	1.3:273		
32.	Tyres and Wheels:	195/65 R16C 100/98T ; 6x16 H2 Steel ET54		
34.	Steering, method of assistance:	Hydraulic		
35.	Brief description of braking system:	Service brake: Hydraulically assisted with two independent circuits Emergency brake: discs at front and rear, with anti-lock. Parking brake: Provided with second circuit Foot pedal operating cables to rear		
37.	Type of body:	Monocoque		
38.	Colour of vehicle:	white, yellow, orange, red, purple/violet, blue, green, grey, brown or black		
41.	Number and configuration of doors:	Side doors: 2 front, 2 sliding rear 7, Front: driver 2nd row: 3 single rearward facing 3rd row: triple forward facing		
42.1	Number and position of seats	N/A		
43.1	EC type-approval mark of coupling device, if fitted:	N/A		
44.	Maximum speed:	164 km/h		
45.	Sound level:	Directive 70/157*1999/101		
46.1	Exhaust emissions:	Directive 70/220*2003/76B CO: 0.0078 g/km HC: - g/km NOx: 0.3504 g/km HC+NOx: 0.3591 g/km Smoke: 2.10 (m-1) Particulates: 0.0379 g/km		
46.2	CO2 emissions/fuel consumption:			
	CO2 emissions	303 g/km		
	Urban Conditions:	114 l/100km		
	Extra Urban Conditions:	186 g/km		
	Combined:	229 g/km		
	Fuel Consumption	8.6 l/100km		
47.	Fiscal power:	N/A		
50.	Remark:	N/A		
51.	Exemptions:	N/A		



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CERTIFICATE OF NEWNESS

A. Vehicle Particulars

Make	Mercedes-Benz	DVLA Codes	
Model	Vito Taxi	MM 036	1st Stage VIN No. WDF63970123880449
Type of Body/Vehicle	Taxi	07	Cylinder Capacity (cc.) 2148
Wheelplan	2 axle rigid body	C	Max Laden Mass 2770kg
Type of Fuel	Diesel	2	Unladen Weight 2075kg - 2208kg
Colours	Obsidian Black		
Type Approval	e11*2001/116*0336		

B. Declaration

a) The vehicle, details of which are given in section A., is new and unregistered and manufactured by Pensio Technology Ltd.

b) Pensio Technology Ltd has not issued any previous Certificate or Declaration of Newness (see note 1) or pre-completed a form of Application for a licence for a New Motor Vehicle and Declaration for Registration V55/1 and V55/4

Authorized Signature:  at Coventry on
 D. Roche (Technical Director) on behalf of Pensio Technology Ltd.

08 January 2015

Note 1: If this form is a duplicate it should be clearly marked in the 'Duplicate' box at the top right
 Note 2: The vehicle registration certificate issued for this vehicle will bear the words "new at first registration".

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LICENSING PANEL

26 FEBRUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION TO LICENSE A FORD TOURNEO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license a Ford Tourneo as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider whether or not to license the Ford Tourneo 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 approve vehicles that can be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 2 March 2006 Members considered an application to license a Peugeot E7 as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. Members also approved revised Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions. It was further resolved that should any new makes of vehicle be presented for licensing as Hackney Carriage Vehicles, they should be the subject of a report, so that the Committee can determine whether such vehicles meet the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions and are purpose built. A copy of the licence conditions are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 At the meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 25 November 2015 Members resolved that the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel.
- 3.3 An application has been received from Ian Wright to license a new make of vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, namely a Ford Tourneo.
- 3.4 A copy of the vehicle brochure is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 Mr Wright states that the vehicle has European Whole Vehicle Type Approval to M1 requirements and has been issued with a Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) certificate, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.6 Type Approval is a system for testing and approving motor vehicles and for controlling conformity of production to be consistent with the approved type. Under the type approval system category M1 relates to passenger carrying vehicles having no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat. UK law defines a taxi as an M1 vehicle.
- 3.7 A vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting and Mr Wright will be present to answer any questions members may have.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to legal challenge.

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 none arising from this report.

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.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions

Appendix 2 – Vehicle brochure

Appendix 3 – VCA certificate

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT 1976 – PART II

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE

PART 1 - NOTES

- A** In this document the “Licensing Authority” means Wirral Borough Council’ its Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee, its Licensing Panel and its Authorised Officers
- B** It must be understood that, although the conditions set out in this document have been complied with, approval may be withheld if the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the vehicle is unsuitable for public use.
- C** Although the Licensing Authority may extend its approval of any particular type of taxicab to all other taxicabs conforming to the design of that type it must be understood that the Licensing Authority may withdraw such general approval if, in their opinion, any unsuitable features arise.
- D** The conditions set out in this document are made under section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

PART 2 - CONDITIONS OF FITNESS

1.0 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

- 1.1** All vehicles must be purpose built and built to accommodate disabled passengers in wheelchairs in the rear passenger compartment.
- 1.2** All vehicles 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. Every new vehicle offered for approval must comply in all respects with the British and European vehicle regulations and be "type approved" to the requirements of the M or M1 category of European Whole Type Approval 70/156/EEC as amended. Those vehicles which have not been "type approved" to M or M1 categories must be presented with approved certification that the specific vehicle meets the requirements of M or M1 categories.
- 1.3** All vehicles must have separate driver and passenger compartments, which must be separated by a partition.
- 1.4** Vehicles presented for initial approval and while in use must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and any subsequent amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- 1.5** The steering wheel must be on the offside of the vehicle.
- 1.6** Windows must have no more than 25% tint value, to allow maximum visibility into

and out of the vehicle.

- 1.7 No fittings other than those approved by the Licensing Authority may be attached to or be carried upon the inside or outside of the vehicle.
- 1.8 Any vehicle that has been the subject of significant damage rectification repairs will not be licensed unless such repairs have been carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's specification.
- 1.9 Once a vehicle reaches 10 years of age, or earlier at the discretion of the Licensing Authority, it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
- 1.10 The Licensing Authority will not accept vehicle test pass slips submitted more than 28 days after the date of test.

2.0 WHEELS AND TYRES

- 2.1 The vehicle must carry at all times a serviceable spare wheel and tyre, together with the proper tools and equipment to change the wheel in the event of a tyre becoming defective
- 2.2 All tyres must be marked "TAXI" or must be of an appropriate speed and weight rating and must be compatible with the meter, at all times.
- 2.3 Retread tyres must comply with the British Standards Institution requirement BS.AU144E as amended.
- 2.4 All tyres, including the spare, must be
 - suitable for the vehicle,
 - properly inflated,
 - have a continuous tread depth of at least 1.6mm across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tread,
 - free from cuts and other defects.
- 2.5 Where a vehicle is supplied with wheels intended to be fitted with wheel trims, all four road wheels must be fitted with wheel trims of a similar pattern.

3.0 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 Any additional electrical installation to the original equipment must be adequately insulated and be protected by suitable fuses.

4.0 FIRE APPLIANCES

- 4.1 An appliance for extinguishing fire must be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use and such appliances must be independently certified that they are

manufactured to meet the requirements of BS EN3 1996 and have a minimum fire rating of 5a and 34b. The appliance must be clearly marked with the licence number of the vehicle.

N.B. The Department of Transport advises that dry powder fire extinguishers should NOT be used in passenger carrying vehicles due to inhalation risks. An AFFF (Aqueous film-forming foam) extinguisher is recommended. In the event of a vehicle fire it is the driver's PRIORITY to GET THE PASSENGERS OUT.

5.0 FUEL SYSTEMS

- 5.1** A device must be provided whereby the supply of fuel to the engine may be immediately cut off.
- 5.2** A manually operated device must have its location together with the means of operation and "off" position clearly marked on the outside of the vehicle. In the case of a vehicle fitted with an automatic inertia fuel cut off switch, no markings are required.
- 5.3** Any engine powered by liquid petroleum gas (LPG), compressed natural gas (CNG), petrol or any combination of these fuels must be fitted with an automatic fuel cut off device. They must also have a manually operated fuel cut off device externally mounted which is easily visible and readily accessible at all times from the outside of the vehicle with its location and means of operation clearly marked.

6.0 INTERIOR LIGHTING

- 6.1** Adequate lighting must be provided for the driver and passengers.
- 6.2** Separate lighting controls for both passenger and driver must be provided.
- 6.3** In the case of the passenger compartment, an illuminated control switch must be fitted in an approved position.
- 6.4** Lighting must be provided at floor level to each passenger door and be activated by the opening of the doors.
- 6.5** Passenger compartment light switches and window controls must be within easy reach of all passengers

7.0 SEAT BELTS

- 7.1** Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with lap and diagonal seatbelts on all seats, including rear facing seats.

8.0 DRIVER'S COMPARTMENT

- 8.1** The driver's compartment must be so designed that the driver has adequate room, can easily reach and quickly operate the controls and give hand signals on the outside of the vehicle.

- 8.2 A serviceable device for demisting the windscreen must be fitted.
- 8.3 Every vehicle must be provided with a means of communications between the passenger and the driver.
- 8.4 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an intercom type system to permit the driver and passengers to communicate verbally.
- 8.5 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an induction loop system.
- 8.6 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with a head restraint on the drivers seat.
- 8.7 A notepad and pen must be carried at all times within the vehicle to enable the driver to communicate with passengers when necessary.

9.0 PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

- 9.1 Occasional seats must be so arranged as to rise automatically when not in use.
- 9.2 The rear seat dimensions must be adequate to carry three adult passengers comfortably.
- 9.3 Suitable means must be provided to assist persons to rise from the rear seat with particular attention to the needs of elderly and disabled persons.
- 9.4 Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must have colour contrasting sight patches on all passenger seats.
- 9.5 Every vehicle must be built to accommodate disabled passengers in wheelchairs and equipped in order that disabled passengers in wheelchairs may be carried comfortably and safely.
- 9.6 Anchorages must be provided for the wheelchair and occupant. These anchorages must be either chassis or floor linked. Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must have wheelchair anchorages tested to Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) recommended standards.
- 9.7 Restraints for wheelchair and occupant must be independent of each other.
- 9.8 Anchorages must also be provided for the safe stowage of a wheelchair when not in use, whether folded or otherwise, if carried within the passenger compartment.
- 9.9 Colour contrasting grab handles must be placed at door entrances to aid passenger access to and egress from the vehicle.
- 9.10 The outer edge of the floor at each entrance must be fitted with non-slip treads.
- 9.11 The top tread for any entrance must not exceed 38 cm above ground level when the vehicle is un-laden, except as detailed in paragraph 9.12 below.

- 9.12** Where the top tread for the entrance exceeds 38 cm then a moveable intermediate step must be provided at each entrance into the passenger compartment. The intermediate step must be encased beneath the vehicle. When not in use and when ever the vehicle is in motion the step must not extend outwards beyond the vertical line of the bodywork. The step must be covered with a suitable non-slip surface with the edges of the step highlighted yellow. The step must be etched with the registration number of the vehicle.

10.0 WHEELCHAIR RAMPS

- 10.1** A ramp or ramps for the loading of a wheelchair and occupant must be available at all times for use at the nearside rear passenger door.
- 10.2** An adequate locking device must be fitted to ensure that the ramp/ramps do not slip or tilt when in use.
- 10.3** Provision must be made for the ramps to be stowed safely when not in use.
- 10.4** The ramp surface must be covered with a non-slip material.
- 10.5** The edges of the ramp surface must be marked in a high-contrast colour scheme.
- 10.6** The ramp must have a minimum safe working load of 300kg.
- 10.7** When in use the ramp must be securely located at the point of wheelchair entry.
- 10.8** Ramps must be stowed in a position so as not to cause injury to the driver or passengers in the event of an accident.
- 10.9** The ramp must be etched with the registration number of the vehicle.

11.0 WINDOWS

- 11.1** Windows must be provided at the sides and at the rear.
- 11.2** Passenger door windows must be capable of being easily opened by passengers when seated. The control for opening a door window must be clearly identified so as not to be mistaken for any other control.
- 11.3** The registration number of the vehicle must be etched on all windows and glass partitions.

12.0 HEATING AND VENTILATION

- 12.1** An adequate heating and ventilation system must be provided for the driver and passengers with independent controls for the driver and passengers.

13.0 DOORS

- 13.1** An automatic door locking device must be fitted to passenger doors.
- 13.2** When the vehicle is stationary, the passenger doors must be capable of being readily opened from the inside and outside of the vehicle by one operation of the latch mechanism.
- 13.3** The interior door handle must be of a contrasting colour and clearly identified to prevent it being mistaken for any other control.
- 13.4** A hinged door must be capable of being opened to a minimum angle of 90 degrees.
- 13.5** Where sliding doors are fitted
- The interior door handle must be clearly visible, of a contrasting colour, and easily accessible to passengers when the door is in the fully open position.
 - There must be reflective strips approved by the Licensing Authority on both the front and rear edges of the door.
 - Every vehicle presented for licensing for the first time must be fitted with an illuminated sign bearing the words "Door Open" clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle. This sign must be automatically linked to the passenger doors in order that when either door handle is activated to open the door, the sign is illuminated.
- 13.6** There must be a sign within the passenger compartment, clearly visible to all passengers, giving instructions on the correct operation of the passenger door.
- 13.7** An audible or visual warning must be fitted in the driver's compartment indicating when any door is open.

14.0 FARE TABLE

- 14.1** A frame must be provided for the fare table and affixed in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.

15.0 ILLUMINATED SIGN AND WINDOW STICKER

- 15.1** An illuminated sign displaying the licence number of the vehicle must be exhibited within the cab in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 15.2** The current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence sticker must be fixed to the nearside glass partition in such a manner that it is clearly visible to persons inside the vehicle.

16.0 FLOOR COVERING

- 16.1** The flooring of the passenger compartment must be covered with a non-slip material, that can be easily cleaned.
- 16.2** The floor covering must not impede the movement of wheelchairs.

17.0 LUGGAGE

- 17.1 Provision must be made for the carrying of luggage.
- 17.2 Provision must be made for luggage to be kept separate from the passenger seating area.
- 17.3 Provision must be made for luggage to be secured at all times.

18.0 TAXIMETER

- 18.1 A taximeter of an approved type must be fitted in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.
- 18.2 Every vehicle which is in service from 1 January 2007 must be fitted with a calendar control taximeter.

19.0 "TAXI" SIGN

- 19.1 A "taxi" sign approved by the Licensing Authority must be fitted in a such a position that it is clearly visible by day and night when the cab is available for hire

20.0 RADIO APPARATUS

- 20.1 Where apparatus for the operation of a two-way radio system is fitted to a taxicab, no part of the apparatus may be fixed in the passenger compartment or in the rear boot compartment if LPG tanks or equipment are located therein.
- 20.2 Any other radio equipment, either in the passenger or driver compartment, must be approved by the Licensing Authority.

21.0 MAINTENANCE

- 21.1 Vehicles, including all fittings, wheelchair ramps, etc. must be maintained and kept clean and in good working order in accordance with Wirral Borough Council's Vehicle Inspection Policy.
- 21.2 The vehicle is at all times subject to test and inspection. Any vehicle not found to be properly maintained or kept in good working order may be the subject of a notice prohibiting the proprietor from using the vehicle until the defect has been rectified.

22.0 CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- 22.1 The vehicle must at all times be covered by an insurance policy allowing its use for public hire.

22.2 A current certificate of insurance, as required by any Acts or Regulations relating to motor vehicles, must be carried in a holder securely affixed to the cab in a position approved by the Licensing Authority.

22.3 The certificate must clearly show that the vehicle is insured for the purpose of public hire and detail the full names of all drivers covered by the certificate.

23.0 CHANGES TO VEHICLE

23.1 No material alterations or change to the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Licensing Authority during any time that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence is in force.

PART 3 - CONDITIONS

24.0 ACCIDENT DAMAGE

24.1 Every incident where a vehicle sustains damage must be reported in writing to the Licensing Authority no later than 72 hours after the damage has been sustained.

For the avoidance of doubt, slight scratches and stone chips that do not materially affect the use of the vehicle do not need to be reported.

24.2 The vehicle must not be used for hire where damage to the vehicle may affect the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle until such damage has been satisfactorily repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and the repair has been reported to the Licensing Authority.

25.0 DRIVERS

25.1 The Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must only allow licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers to drive the licensed vehicle for any purpose whatsoever.

25.2 The Proprietor must retain the hackney carriage driver's licence (or copy thereof) of each driver of the vehicle, and must return the licence or copy to the driver when the driver ceases to work for him.

25.3 If the Proprietor has cause for complaint and is unwilling to release the licence to the driver, then the licence must be returned to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours of the driver having requested it. Such return must be accompanied by a written complaint setting out the subject matter of the dispute or complaint.

26.0 IN-CAB SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

- 26.1** In-cab surveillance systems may be installed to aid prevention and detection of criminal activity subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.
- 26.2** Each system must take full account of passenger and driver safety.
- 26.3** The security of data captured on any system must remain secure at all times and only be accessible to approved bodies such as the Licensing Authority or the police.
- 26.4** The proprietor/driver must at all times comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, the Code of Practice and all other relevant legislation and regulations.
- 26.2** Signs to inform the public that a camera system is in operation must be displayed in a clear and distinctly visible manner at all times.

27.0 ADVERTISEMENTS

- 27.1** Advertisements are permitted to be displayed in or on the vehicle, subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.
- 27.2** Advertisements for alcohol, tobacco or other inappropriate matter are not permitted.
- 27.3** Advertisements must not be placed on the driver's compartment partition or on windows, except as detailed in paragraphs 27.4 below.
- 27.4** Subject to approval by the Licensing Authority, advertisements may be placed on the rear window. The material used for such advertisements must not impede the driver's rear vision.
- 27.5** "No smoking, eating or drinking" signs may be displayed on rear passenger compartment windows and the driver's compartment partition, subject to the approval of the Licensing Authority.

28.0 BADGES AND EMBLEMS

- 28.1** In addition to advertisements displayed in accordance with paragraph 27 above, vehicles may display the official badge or emblem of organisations:
- That provide emergency vehicle repair and/or recovery services.
 - Membership of which indicates that the driver possesses professional skills/qualifications, which enhance the taxi service provided to the public.
- 28.2** Badges may be affixed to the front of the vehicle only in such a manner as not to be:
- detrimental to the operation of the vehicle,
 - likely to cause injury to any person, or

- to detract from any authorised sign that the vehicle may be required to display.

28.3 No other advertisement, badge or emblem is to be exhibited other than is provided for in paragraphs 27 and 28.

29.0 IN-CAB DISPLAY SCREENS

29.1 Electronic screens may be used, subject to approval by the Licensing Authority.

29.2 The position of the screen must not distract the driver of the vehicle.

29.3 The screen must not be positioned so that it can be seen from outside the vehicle.

29.4 The advertisements displayed on the screen must comply with the requirements in paragraph 27.2 above.

30.0 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

30.1 A Proprietor or Part Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of any change of address within 7 days of such change taking place.

31.0 CONVICTIONS

31.1 The Proprietor or Part Proprietor of a licensed vehicle must disclose to the Licensing Authority, in writing, details of any convictions imposed on him whilst the licence is in force, within 7 days of receiving such conviction.

32.0 TRANSFER

32.1 If the Proprietor or Part-Proprietor wishes to transfer the vehicle to another person he must before or within 14 days after such transfer give notice thereof in writing to the Licensing Authority specifying the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle will be or has been transferred.

32.2 If the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the person to whom the licence has been transferred is not a suitable person to hold the licence, it may, on application for renewal of that licence, refuse, suspend or revoke the licence provided that there is reasonable cause to do so.

IF YOU ARE AGGRIEVED BY ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE CONDITIONS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO A MAGISTRATES' COURT WITHIN 21 DAYS











THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY
EC VEHICLE TYPE-APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

Communication concerning:	Of a Type of:
EC type-approval ⁽¹⁾	complete vehicle ⁽⁴⁾
extension of EC type-approval ⁽⁴⁾	completed vehicle ⁽¹⁾
refusal of EC type-approval ⁽⁴⁾	incomplete vehicle ⁽⁴⁾
withdrawal of EC type-approval ⁽⁴⁾	vehicle with complete and incomplete variants ⁽⁴⁾
	vehicle with completed and incomplete variants ⁽⁴⁾

with regard to Directive 2007/46/EC as last amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No. 195/2013

EC type-approval No: e11*2007/46*1484*00

Reason(s) for extension: Not applicable

SECTION I

- 0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): Voyager
- 0.2. Type: FAC
- 0.2.1 Commercial name(s) ⁽²⁾: Torneo Custom, Transit Custom
- 0.3. Means of identification of type, if marked on the vehicle: Not applicable
- 0.3.1. Location of that marking: Not applicable
- 0.4. Category of vehicle ⁽³⁾: M1
- 0.5. Name and address of manufacturer of the complete vehicle ⁽¹⁾: Not applicable

Name and address of manufacturer of the base vehicle ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁴⁾:

Ford- Werke GmbH
50725 Koeln
Germany

EWP287820



Name and address of manufacturer of the latest built stage of the incomplete vehicle ^{(1) (4)}: Not applicable

Name and address of manufacturer of the completed vehicle ^{(1) (4)}:

Voyager Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV) Ltd
Meadowbank
Groby Road
Crewe
CW1 4NA
United Kingdom

0.8. Name(s) and address(es) of assembly plant(s):

Voyager Multi- Purpose Vehicle (MPV) Ltd
Meadowbank
Groby Road
Crewe
CW1 4NA
United Kingdom

0.9. Name and address of the manufacturer's representative (if any): Not applicable

SECTION II

The undersigned hereby certifies the accuracy of the manufacturer's description in the attached information document of the vehicle(s) described above ((a) sample(s) having been selected by the EC type-approval authority and submitted by the manufacturer as prototype(s) of the vehicle type) and that the attached test results are applicable to the vehicle type.

1. For complete and completed vehicles ~~/ variants~~ ⁽⁴⁾:

The vehicle type meets ~~/ does not meet~~ ⁽⁴⁾ the technical requirements of all the relevant regulatory acts as prescribed in Annex IV and Annex XI ^{(4) (4)} to Directive 2007/46/EC.

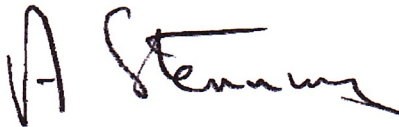
2. For incomplete vehicles ~~/ variants~~ ⁽⁴⁾:

The vehicle type meets ~~/ does not meet~~ ⁽⁴⁾ the technical requirements of the regulatory acts listed in the table on side 2.

3. The approval is GRANTED ~~/ REFUSED / WITHDRAWN~~ ⁽⁴⁾

4. ~~The approval is granted in accordance with Article 20 and the validity of the approval is thus limited to dd/mm/yy.~~

Place: BRISTOL

Signature: 

A.W. STENNING
Head of Technical and Quality Support Group

Date: 30 JANUARY 2014

Attachments: Information package.

Test results (see Annex VIII).

Name(s) and specimen(s) of the signature(s) of the person(s) authorised to sign certificates of conformity and a statement of their position in the company.

NB: If this model is used for type-approval pursuant to Articles 20, 22 or 23, it may not bear the heading, "EC Vehicle Type-Approval Certificate" except:

- in the case mentioned in Article 20 where the Commission has decided to allow a Member State to grant a type-approval in accordance with this Directive.
- In the case of vehicles of the category M1, type-approved according to the procedure prescribed in Article 22.

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