



Licensing Panel

Date:	Friday, 14 October 2016
Time:	9.45 am
Venue:	Committee Room 2 - 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. APPLICATION TO LICENSE A FORD TOURNEO ECLIPSE AS A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (Pages 1 - 4)

3. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - CITROEN PICASSO, REGISTRATION NUMBER SL56 OEA (Pages 5 - 8)

4. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - CITROEN C5, REGISTRATION NUMBER HY56 JVV (Pages 9 - 12)

5. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - VAUXHALL VECTRA, REGISTRATION NUMBER DY56 FGC (Pages 13 - 16)

6. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - VAUXHALL VECTRA, REGISTRATION NUMBER DV56 GJJ (Pages 17 - 20)

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

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

8. 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.

9. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (PAF) (Pages 21 - 24)

10. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (IPM) (Pages 25 - 28)

11. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - APPLICATION (TM) (Pages 29 - 34)

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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REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION TO LICENSE A FORD TOURNEO ECLIPSE AS A PRIVATE HIRE 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 Eclipse as a Private Hire Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider whether or not to license the Ford Tourneo Eclipse as a Private Hire Vehicle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine matters relating to Private Hire Licences where officers do not have delegated authority.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The powers relating to the licensing of a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle are contained within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which provides that a licence shall not be granted unless the Council 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
- 3.2 The provisions within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council discretion as to whether to grant a licence as well as wide discretion over the type of vehicle that can be licensed.
- 3.3 Private Hire Vehicles come in different models and sizes and there is no normal or average vehicle. The first matter that must be considered is whether a vehicle is suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle. The current Council Policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles in respect of this matter is as follows:
- (a) vehicles fitted with at least 4 doors and 4 wheels;
 - (b) must be right-hand drive vehicles;
 - (c) vehicles must be 10 years old or less from the date of first registration or manufacture, whichever is the earlier.

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.
 - (d) vehicles with adequate space for luggage within the car;

- (e) vehicles capable of carrying at least 4 and not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver. The seating capacity of a vehicle will be determined as follows:-

The rear seating of the vehicle where fitted with bench seats – one person will be counted for each complete length of 15” measured in a straight line lengthwise along the front of the seat.

- 3.4 An application has been received from Shaun Marnell to license a Ford Tourneo Eclipse as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.5 The vehicle is a conversion of a standard Ford Tourneo. This includes coloured lighting and the fitting of a table in the rear of the vehicle.
- 3.6 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

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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 Citroen Picasso, registration number SL56 OEA, 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 SL56 OEA, 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 Currie 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 6 January 2016 and the current licence was due to expire on 26 September 2016, however it has been extended to the date of this meeting.

- 3.5 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 26 September 2006.

- 3.6 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.

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REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Citroen C5, registration number HY56 JVV, 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 HY56 JVV, 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.

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- 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 Douglas 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 21 July 2015 and the current licence was due to expire on 20 September 2016, however it has been extended to the date of this meeting.

- 3.5 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 29 September 2006.

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

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REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Vectra, registration number DY56 FGC, 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 DY56 FGC, 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.

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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- 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 Hollingsworth 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 17 August 2016 and the current licence is due to expire on 14 October 2016.

- 3.5 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 7 September 2006.

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

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The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Vectra, registration number DV56 GJJ, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

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That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle, registration number DV56 GJJ, for a further six months.

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- 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 Rowan 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 27 November 2015 and the current licence is due to expire on 26 October 2016.

- 3.5 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 27 October 2006.

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

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