



## Regulatory Panel

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday, 11 February 2022</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.45 a.m.</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	Floral Pavilion, Marine Promenade, New Brighton

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## AGENDA

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**
2. **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.
3. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - VAUXHALL MERIVA, REGISTRATION NUMBER DG12 VBD (Pages 1 - 4)**
4. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA PRIUS, REGISTRATION NUMBER PN61 LDJ (Pages 5 - 8)**
5. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AVENSIS, REGISTRATION NUMBER FP11 BYV (Pages 9 - 12)**
6. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - IVECO FORD DAILY, REGISTRATION NUMBER WA60 EWG (Pages 13 - 16)**
7. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - IVECO FORD DAILY, REGISTRATION NUMBER LT52 PXZ (Pages 17 - 20)**
8. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - PEUGEOT 508, REGISTRATION NUMBER DG17 FSN (Pages 21 - 24)**
9. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - MAZDA 6, REGISTRATION NUMBER XJZ 3928 (Pages 25 - 28)**

**10. 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.

**11. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (JBC) (Pages 29 - 32)**

**12. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (CPT) (Pages 33 - 36)**

**13. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (KJW) (Pages 37 - 42)**

**14. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (JDE) (Pages 43 - 54)**



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<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license a Vauxhall Meriva, registration number DG12 VBD, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Vauxhall Meriva, registration number DG12 VBD, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 That the application to license the Vauxhall Meriva, registration number DG12 VBD, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence 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 Spence, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.

3.3 The vehicle has been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 28 February 2020 and the current licence is due to expire on 27 February 2022.

3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 13 March 2012.

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 specific implications arising from this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Section 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. 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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MOT certificate  
Compliance pass certificate  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

## **APPENDICES**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

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<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license a Toyota Prius, registration number PN61 LDJ, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Toyota Prius, registration number PN61 LDJ, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 That the application to license the Toyota Prius, registration number PN61 LDJ, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence 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 Wogden, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 20 October 2016 and the current licence is due to expire on 1 March 2022.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 1 September 2011.
- 3.5 On 13 August 2021 an application to grant a six month licence was considered by the Regulatory Panel and the application was granted.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. 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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MOT certificate  
Compliance pass certificate  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application  
Regulatory Panel report 13 August 2021

## **APPENDICES**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Regulatory Panel	13 August 2021



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<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license a Toyota Avensis, registration number FP11 BYV, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Toyota Avensis, registration number FP11 BYV, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 That the application to license the Toyota Avensis, registration number FP11 BYV, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence 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 Vargheese, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.
- 3.3 The vehicle has previously been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle from 12 December 2018 until 4 February 2021 and from 14 July 2021 until 13 January 2022 when the licence expired.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 9 May 2011.
- 3.5 On 9 July 2021 an application to grant a six month licence was considered by the Regulatory Panel and the application was granted.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. 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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MOT certificate  
 Compliance pass certificate  
 Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

## **APPENDICES**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Regulatory Panel	9 July 2021



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### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license an Iveco Ford Daily, registration number WA60 EWG, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Iveco Ford Daily, registration number WA60 EWG, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 That the application to license the Iveco Ford Daily, registration number WA60 EWG, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence 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, A Team Wirral Ltd, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 29 August 2019 and the current licence is due to expire on 11 February 2022.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 22 December 2010.
- 3.5 On 29 January 2021 and 9 July 2021 applications to grant a six month licence were considered by the Regulatory Panel and the applications were granted.
- 3.6 The vehicle is used to undertake work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Council to transport children to and from educational establishments.
- 3.7 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be available in advance of the meeting.
- 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**

5.1 Section 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. 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 vehicle is wheelchair accessible and is used to transport children to and from educational establishments.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MOT certificate  
Compliance pass certificate  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

**APPENDICES**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

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<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license an Iveco Ford Daily, registration number LT52 PXZ, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Iveco Ford Daily, registration number LT52 PXZ, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 That the application to license the Iveco Ford Daily, registration number LT52 PXZ, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence 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 Williams, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 3 September 2018 and the current licence is due to expire on 1 March 2022.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 2 December 2002.
- 3.5 The vehicle is used to undertake work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Council to transport children to and from educational establishments.
- 3.6 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be available in advance of the meeting.
- 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 48 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
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- That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance

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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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. 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 vehicle is wheelchair accessible and is used to transport children to and from educational establishments.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MOT certificate  
Compliance pass certificate  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

**APPENDICES**

None

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider an application to license a Peugeot 508, registration number DG17 FSN, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Peugeot 508, registration number DG17 FSN, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

## **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 Private Hire Vehicles.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 That the application to license the Peugeot 508, registration number DG17 FSN, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles in that the side and rear windows do not let at least 70% of light through.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In September 2017 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

- 3.2 Paragraph 36 of the criteria states that:

The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and all other windows must let at least 70% of light through.

- 3.3 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 6 March 2017 and it is therefore four years old.
- 3.4 The applicant, Mr Garside, states that he intends to work for Uber.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations if the Panel determine that it may be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.6 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 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. The vehicle will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and must pass the MOT and Compliance tests before being issued a licence.

## **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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Private Hire Vehicle Criteria  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

## **APPENDICES**

None

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider an application to license a Mazda 6, registration number XJZ 3928, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Mazda 6, registration number XJZ 3928, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

## **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 Private Hire Vehicles.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 That the application to license the Peugeot 508, registration number DG17 FSN, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles in that the side and rear windows do not let at least 70% of light through.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In September 2017 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

- 3.2 Paragraph 36 of the criteria states that:

The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and all other windows must let at least 70% of light through.

- 3.3 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 5 June 2015 and it is therefore four years old.
- 3.4 The applicant, Mr Mustafa, works for Argyle Satellite.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations if the Panel determine that it may be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.6 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 48 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 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 due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles. The vehicle will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and must pass the MOT and Compliance tests before being issued a licence.

## **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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Private Hire Vehicle Criteria  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

## **APPENDICES**

None

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>

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