

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE - APPLICATION

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider whether they are willing to re-license the following vehicle: a Ford Galaxy, registration number Y634 UEN, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current private hire vehicle licence conditions do not allow a vehicle to be licensed beyond the date eight years from the date of first registration, unless the Council is satisfied that the vehicle is suitable, having regard to mileage, appearance, condition and safety features. This condition relating to the age of the vehicle was imposed to improve the standard of vehicle being licensed for private hire.
- 2.2 Private hire vehicle licences are issued on a twelve monthly basis, however once a vehicle reaches six years old, six monthly licences are issued until the vehicle reaches eight years old.
- 2.3 Once a vehicle reaches eight years old, if the proprietor considers it to be in exceptional condition an application can be made to re-license the vehicle for a further six months. That licence can be issued under delegated authority, subject to the vehicle being inspected by officers and being considered to be suitable as in paragraph 2.1 above. Any further application cannot be granted under delegated authority and must be referred to the Licensing Panel.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Locke has applied to re-license the vehicle as he considers it to be in exceptional condition.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 4 June 2004 and the current licence expired on 18 May 2010.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 19 April 2001.
- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 20 April 2009, an application was made for a further six month licence, thereby extending it beyond the vehicle's eighth birthday and after inspection and a satisfactory compliance test at Walsh Autos, one of the Council's authorised testing stations, the licence was granted under delegated powers.

- 3.5 On expiry of that licence on 19 October 2009, an application was considered by the Licensing Panel to grant a further six month licence. The application was granted.
- 3.6 The vehicle is been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass slip will be available at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial or staffing implications arising out of this report.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications arising out of this report.

6.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

7.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

8.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report affects the entire Borough.

9.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are community safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no planning implications arising out of this report.

11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

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