

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2010

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - APPLICATION

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider an application to license the following vehicle: a Fiat TW200, registration number BX55 XTD, as a hackney carriage vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current criteria that a hackney carriage vehicle must comply with before being granted a licence are as follows:
- (i) that every vehicle must comply with the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions;
 - (ii) that every vehicle must be purpose built and built to accommodate wheelchair disabled passengers;
 - (iii) that every vehicle must be properly tested and roadworthy to a standard approved by the Council's vehicle inspectors, such testing to include the structural integrity;
 - (iv) that all vehicles licensed must be properly insured and that proof of such insurance be shown to the Council either upon application or before issue of a licence;
 - (v) that every vehicle must be three years old or less from the date of first registration or date of manufacture (whichever is the earlier).
- 2.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a hackney carriage vehicle since 4 February 2008. The date of first registration is 1 February 2006.
- 2.3 The vehicle was sold by the original proprietor to HE Manning (Taxis) Ltd a company specialising in buying and selling hackney carriages. The vehicle was then sold onto a Mr Rose under a hire purchase agreement and Mr Rose transferred the hackney carriage vehicle licence into his name on 15 February 2008.
- 2.4 Mr Rose renewed the hackney carriage vehicle licence on 2 February 2009, prior to the expiry of the licence.
- 2.5 Due to ill health Mr Rose was unable to continue to work as a licensed hackney carriage driver and he sold the vehicle on to Mr Ferguson who transferred the licence into his name on 28 July 2009.

- 2.6 Mr Ferguson did not renew the licence prior to the expiry date of 3 February 2010. He advised the Licensing Office that he had returned the vehicle to HE Manning (Taxis) Ltd.

3.0 THE APPLICATION

- 3.1 Mr Manning of HE Manning (Taxis) Ltd contacted the Licensing Office on 9 April 2010 and asked for an appointment to renew the hackney carriage vehicle licence. He was advised that the licence had expired and could not be renewed.
- 3.2 In a subsequent telephone conversation Mr Manning advised that he had a compliance pass certificate for the vehicle dated 2 February 2010, the day before the expiry date of the licence.
- 3.3 Mr Manning has submitted an application for a new vehicle licence
- 3.4 A letter from Mr Manning explaining the circumstances is attached at Appendix A

4.0 FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial 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 ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific anti poverty implications arising directly out of this report.

7.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific social inclusion implications arising directly out of this report.

8.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Hackney carriages are an important component in an integrated transport policy.

9.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report affects the entire Borough.

10.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are community safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of hackney carriage vehicles.

11.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no planning implications arising out of this report.

12.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 The application form applying for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

13.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

13.1 Members are asked to consider whether or not to license this vehicle applying the conditions previously attached to the vehicle prior to the expiry on 3 February 2010.

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