

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

28 JULY 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - APPLICATION**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider an application to license the following vehicle: a Carbodies Taxi, registration number L578 HHV, 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 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).

**3.0 THE APPLICATION**

- 3.1 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 16 February 1994 and the vehicle is therefore 16 years old. The vehicle cannot therefore comply with the criteria above.
- 3.2 Mr Tunde Abiru, the owner of the vehicle applied for a new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence on 4 March 2010.
- 3.3 The vehicle is fuelled by LPG which Mr Tunde advises makes the vehicle the most economical, efficient and environmentally friendly taxi around.
- 3.4 Mr Tunde has submitted literature in support of his application which is attached to this report 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.

8.2 Low emission vehicles contribute to a sustainable transport system.

#### **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.

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