

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

15 NOVEMBER 2013

SUBJECT:	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license the following vehicle: a Vauxhall Astra, registration number DE52 HNK, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 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.

- 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 ten years old.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Keeley has applied to re-license his vehicle for a further six months.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 11 November 2001 and the current licence expires on 14 November 2013, however this has been extended to 15 November 2013, the date of this meeting.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 11 November 2002. The vehicle is therefore now eleven years old.

- 3.4 On expiry of a previous licence on 11 November 2010, an application was made for a further six month licence and it was granted under delegated powers.
- 3.5 On expiry of licences on 14 May 2011, 14 November 2011, 14 May 2012, 14 November 2012 and 10 May 2013 applications were considered by the Licensing Panel to grant further six month licences and these applications were granted.
- 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 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?
- 10.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 That the Panel consider whether or not to re-license this vehicle for a further six months.

14.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

14.1 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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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Private Hire Vehicle Licence application form
Compliance test pass certificate