

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

14 MARCH 2014

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 Renault Espace, registration number PLG 333D, 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 Parker applied to re-license his vehicle for a further six months, however as the vehicle will be ten years old in May 2014 a licence could only be issued until 6 May 2014, the date the vehicle becomes ten years old.
- 3.2 The vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 28 February 2005.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 6 May 2004.
- 3.4 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