

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 JUNE 2014

SUBJECT:	APPLICATION TO LICENSE A PEUGEOT EUROTAXI AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license a Peugeot Eurotaxi as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 2 March 2006 Members considered an application to license a Peugeot E7 as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. Members also approved revised Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions. It was further resolved that should any new makes of vehicle be presented for licensing as Hackney Carriage Vehicles, they should be the subject of a report, so that the Committee can determine whether such vehicles meet the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions and are purpose built. A copy of the licence conditions are attached at Appendix A.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1 An application has been received from Shaun Marnell to license a new make of vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, namely a Peugeot Eurotaxi.
- 3.2 A copy of the vehicle brochure is attached at Appendix B.
- 3.3 Mr Marnell states that the vehicle has European Whole Vehicle Type Approval to M1 requirements and has been issued with a Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) certificate, a copy of which is attached at Appendix C.
- 3.4 Type Approval is a system for testing and approving motor vehicles and for controlling conformity of production to be consistent with the approved type. Under the type approval system category M1 relates to passenger carrying vehicles having no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat. UK law defines a taxi as an M1 vehicle.
- 3.5 An officer has inspected the vehicle and is satisfied that it complies with the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence conditions.

3.6 A vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting and Mr Marnell will be present to answer any questions members may have.

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 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 A decision of the Committee may be subject to legal challenge.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of the proposal been reviewed with regard to equality?

9.2 No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

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

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no Planning or Community Safety implications arising out of this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 That Members consider whether or not to license the Peugeot Eurotaxi as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 It is a delegated function of this Committee to approve vehicles that can be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

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APPENDICES:

- A.** Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions
- B.** Eurotaxi vehicle brochure
- C.** VCA certificate