

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL

11 JULY 2014

SUBJECT:	HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR LICENCE ALLOCATION POLICY – RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR WJ DAVIES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to undertake the random selection process for the allocation of two available Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 23 January 2012 Members resolved to impose a limit of 289 on the number of Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences issued.
- 2.2 Following a period of public consultation Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved at their meeting on 25 September 2012 that a random selection process be approved for the allocation of available licences. The adopted procedure is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Members also resolved that the random selection process will be made using a computer programme at appropriate future meetings of the Licensing Panel.
- 2.4 The availability of four Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences was advertised and letters sent to all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators, as required in the adopted procedure. The closing date for applications was 30 April 2014.
- 2.5 Twenty three applications were received and the Random Selection Process took place on 9 May 2014. The four successful applicants were required to present a vehicle for licensing no later than 13 June 2104. Two applicants of the four selected presented a vehicle by that date and therefore two licences remain available.

- 2.6 In accordance with the procedure approved by the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee a further Random Selection Process must now take place to choose two further applications from the nineteen remaining applications. Each application has been allocated a number between 1 and 19.
- 2.7 Members are asked to run the computer programme which will randomly select two numbers between 1 and 19. The applications that have been allocated those two numbers will be the successful applications. Applicants have been advised that the random selection process will take place at the meeting and may attend. Applicants who are successful through this selection process will be contacted and will be required to present a vehicle which complies with the criteria for the granting of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, within 28 days.
- 2.8 If any applicant is unable to present a vehicle within the 28 days, a further random selection process will take place at a future Licensing Panel meeting for the remaining applications. This process will be repeated until two licences have been issued.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 This is not a matter which requires consultation.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

- 6.1 There are none.

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 An EIA was completed in respect of the adoption of the random selection process.

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 no specific Community Safety implications arising out of this report.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 13.1 That the Panel allocate the two available Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor Licences using the random number generator computer programme.

14.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 14.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to grant Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor Licences using the random selection process.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee Report and minutes dated 7 November 2012.
Licensing Panel report and minutes dated 9 May 2014.