

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

25 NOVEMBER 2015

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS TO LICENSE NEW MAKES AND MODELS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR WJ DAVIES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to consider delegating the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles to the Licensing Panel.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 At a 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 Members of this Committee could determine whether such vehicles meet the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions and are purpose built.
- 2.2 Since that date further applications to license new models of Hackney Carriage Vehicles have been considered by Members of this Committee.
- 2.3 New models of Hackney Carriage Vehicles have been inspected by Members to ensure compliance with Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions. These inspections have taken place at a meeting of this Committee.

2.4 A number of meetings of this Committee are conducted when it is dark which makes it difficult for Members to undertake an effective and comprehensive examination of a vehicle. It is therefore proposed that the consideration and determination of applications for new makes and models of Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

3.1 There are none arising 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 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### **10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No.

### **11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### **12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

### 13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 That Members delegate the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles to the Licensing Panel.

### 14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 The inspection of vehicles cannot effectively take place during meetings held in the evening.

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### APPENDICES

### BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

### BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date