

**LICENSING PANEL****26 FEBRUARY 2016**

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>APPLICATION TO LICENSE A MERCEDES VITO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license a Mercedes Vito as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That Members consider whether or not to license the Mercedes Vito as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to approve vehicles that can be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 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 1.
- 3.2 At the meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 25 November 2015 Members resolved that the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel.
- 3.3 An application has been received from Shaun Marnell to license a new make of vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, namely a Mercedes Vito.
- 3.4 A copy of the vehicle brochure is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.5 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 3.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 An officer has inspected the vehicle and is satisfied that it complies with the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence conditions.
- 3.8 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 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to legal challenge.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

#### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions

Appendix 2 – Vehicle brochure

Appendix 3 – VCA certificate

#### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

#### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>