

LICENSING PANEL**15 APRIL 2016**

REPORT TITLE	HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license the following vehicle, namely a LTI TXI, registration number W685 UGU, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That members consider whether or not to license the vehicle registration number W685 UGU as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is the delegated authority of this Panel to determine applications for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences where the vehicle cannot comply with the current criteria for licensing 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 The current criteria that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle must comply with before being granted a licence is as follows:

- (i) that every vehicle must comply with the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions;
- (ii) that every vehicle must be purpose built and built to accommodate wheelchair disabled passengers;
- (iii) that every vehicle must be properly tested and roadworthy to a standard approved by the Council's vehicle inspectors, such testing to include the structural integrity;
- (iv) that all vehicles licensed must be properly insured and that proof of such insurance be shown to the Council either upon application or before issue of licence;
- (v) that every vehicle must be three years old or less from the date of first registration or date of manufacture (whichever is the earlier).

- 3.2 On 22 May 2013 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved that:

In circumstances when a Hackney Carriage Vehicle proprietor wishes to change a Hackney Carriage Vehicle that is currently licensed to a different vehicle, the replacement vehicle must be the same age or less than the vehicle that is currently licensed up to a maximum of ten years old. Vehicles that are ten years old or more must be replaced by a vehicle that is no more than ten years old and that this Policy is to have immediate effect.

The Licensing Panel be delegated with the authority to act outside this policy.

- 3.3 In accordance with the resolution in paragraph 3.2 Members are asked to consider the application submitted by the applicant to change a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. The date of first registration of the vehicle subject of the application is 10 March 2000. The vehicle is therefore sixteen years old.

- 3.4 The vehicle that is currently licensed is seventeen years old.
- 3.5 Members are asked to consider the application and determine if there is good reason to act outside of the current policy and license the vehicle, registration number W685 UGU as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.
- 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 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 appeal.

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 Community Safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

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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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Vehicle Licence application form
 MOT certificate
 Compliance pass certificate

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date