

LICENSING PANEL**9 DECEMBER 2016**

REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE
REPORT OF	MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR DELIVERY

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to exempt the following licensed Private Hire Vehicle: a DS5, registration number YH66 OAV, from displaying doorsigns when being used to fulfil a contract with licensed chauffeur companies.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Panel consider whether or not to provide the proprietor of the vehicle registration number YH66 OAV with a notice providing an exemption from the requirement to display doorsigns when being used to fulfil a contract with licensed chauffeur companies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine matters relating to Private Hire Vehicle Licences where officers do not have delegated authority.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The vehicle is currently licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle. The conditions attached to the vehicle licence require that two doorsigns showing the name of the private hire company, the contact details of the company and the words "Private Hire Only" are displayed on the vehicle.
- 3.2 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Rushton, currently undertakes work for Abbey Taxis. Mr Rushton intends to apply for an Operator Licence and undertake his own work. Mr Rushton intends to also accept work from other licensed operators.
- 3.3 Mr Rushton has requested an exemption from displaying doorsigns when working for chauffeur companies due to the type of work undertaken.
- 3.4 There are currently two licensed operators who undertake work they describe as chauffeur work and operate vehicles under conditions which exempt the vehicles from displaying plates and doorsigns. The vehicles are non standard luxury vehicles used for occasional special journeys.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.0 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.0 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 The display of doorsigns provide a form of recognition and reference to members of the public that the vehicle is a private hire vehicle and the company it works for.

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

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date